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PREFATORY NOTE

This volume contains the Proceedings of the President and Council of Manilha from 6th January to 13th December 1763, and is the sixth in the series entitled "Manilha Consultations".

The manuscript volume has been mended and is in a good state of preservation.

EGMORE,
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MANILHA CONSULTATIONS, 1763

(VOLUME No. 6)

—— JANUARY 1763 ——

DIARY & CONSULTATIONS OF DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

Commencing [6th January] } 1763.
Ending [13th. December] }

MANILHA, JANUARY 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPY. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
SAMUEL JOHNSON.

THURSDAY 6TH. JANUARY.

Mr. Quintin Craufurd appointed Scavenger.

It being necessary to keep the Town constantly clean, Mr. Quintin Craufurd having proposed to the Governor to undertake that Employ for the sum of 45 Pagodas ℔ Month Agreed that his proposal be accepted being esteemed very reasonable.

Proposals for providing 3 months Provisions for the Garrison delivered in.

Agreeable to the advertisement for providing the Garrison with a stock of Provisions for 3 months as ordered in Consultation 16th. last month, the following Proposals are now delivered in jointly by Messrs. John Sprat, Francis Jourdan and Quintin Craufurd, but as the Board are not sufficiently acquainted with the Prices of the different Articles; Agreed to defer giving an Answer for a few days until we have informed ourselves in those particulars.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

In consequence of your advertisement we now take the liberty of offering our Proposals for supplying the Garrison of Manilha with the following Articles at the undermentioned Prices.

We are with great respect
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedient & most humble servants

JOHN SPRAT.
FRANCIS JOURDAN.
QUINTIN CRAUFURD.

MANILHA
31ST. DECEMBER 1763.

					Dolls.	Ryls.	Barl.
Dryed & salted Beef	℔ Pecul	..	..	..	6	4	..
Firewood	℔ thousand	..	..	..	1	4	..
Arrack	℔ Jarr ..	..	..	..	3	4	..
Salt Fish	℔ Pecul	..	..	..	16	..	..
Sugar	do.	..	..	..	5	4	..
Salt	℔ Cavan	..	..	..	..	3	6
Stags lard	℔ Jarr	..	..	..	5	4	..
Beetle nutt	℔ Thousand	..	..	..	2	4	..
Oil	℔ Jarr	..	..	..	4	4	..
Pepper		..	..	..	30	..	..

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The Garrison distressed for Bullocks.

Proposals to be received for the providing a sufficient number. The Contractor to have the sole Privilege of bringing in cattle for 6 months.

The Garrison being much distressed for Bullocks & it being impossible to procure any within 20 Miles of the Town, on account of the badness of the Country which is choak'd up with impenetrable Bamboo Hedges & infested by Parties of Indian Robbers Agreed to fix up Advertisem^{t}. in the Town for providing a sufficient number specifying that whoever will undertake it at the cheapest rate, shall have the exclusive Privilege for the term of 6 months. The Board are more induced to this step, as it is apprehended some of the Spanish Inhabitants, may have influence enough in the Country to effect this material Point, which they would not attempt, but with a view of reaping some Advantage.

The Correjdor to inform himself of the quantity of grain lately cut in the neighbourhood of Manilha and repeat it to the Board. Purport of a Letter to Capt. Backhouse to the same effect.

It being now the time of Harvest & a great quantity of Grain already cut ordered that the Secretary do acquaint the Corregidore M^{r}. James Kennedy that he is to endeavour to inform himself of the quantity that may be found in the adjacent villages, of which he is to make a report to the Board & to acquaint the Inhabitants that none must be removed without a particular Order from the Governor Ordered also that a Letter to the same Purport be addressed to Capt. Backhouse commanding at Pasig.

The Sepoys apply to have their Pay in advance.

Half to be advanced them the 1st. of the Month, the rest the 15th.

M^{r}. Henry Brooke acquaints the Board, that the Sepoys have made application by their Commanding Officer Capt. Flint for receiving their Pay in Advance; Agreed that they be advanced half the 1st. of the month & the rest on the 15th. as there is no reason to apprehend the Desertion, & it being also highly necessary to allow them all possible Indulgencies, in order to Prevent any murmurings or application to return to the Coast, which it is thought will otherwise be the Case.

Five of the Irregulars ordered on board the Company's Sloop to assist in navigating her.

The Master of the Company's Sloop Pasig having none but Indians to Navigate her & being Desirous of 5 of the Irregulars, who were formerly in the Sea Service; Ordered that they be accordingly sent on board.

Letter from the Prior of the Dominicans.

Letter from Father Pedro Lewis de Lierra Prior of the Dominicans inclosing a List of that Order read as follows.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS SIR & COUNCILLORS

In your Letter of the 26th. of November you are pleased to recommend that I should advise the Indians administered by my order, to reconcile themselves to the British Government with the assurances that their religion & Fortunes shall be secured to them, & that they shall have the same protection they enjoyed under the Spanish Government, and likewise that I should prevail upon the Chiefs of the Villages to come to this City in order to make themselves known, & at the same time acknowledge His Brittannick Majesty.

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In answer to the Articles, your Lordships will please to give me leave to say that my Jurisdiction (which is merely delegated) extends no further than from the Port of Cavita to S^{t}. Juandel Monte in which District my order has no other Administration than the Parian & Minondo, & in both these Places the Inhabitants have lived & behaved quietly and peaceably the Captains without any necessity of the Fathers advice have done every thing that was ordered them by the British Government and I hope they'l persevere in the same state of Quietness & subjection, which I make no doubt off as the Chief Magistrate is so near at hand who will take care to keep to their Duty as to this particular, & it is beyond doubt that without his aid all the endeavours advices, & persuasions of the Friars, will not be attended with the desired end, nor be able to contribute or bring about a perfect pacification. unless assisted by a power which may support & inforce them.

As to the rest of the Provinces where my order Exercises a spiritual Jurisdiction, I should not behave with the Ingenuity due to your Lordships if I promised or assured to do what is not in my Power, unless I exceed the Bounds of my jurisdiction I can't command any other Friars than those who reside in Manilha the Parian, Minonds, S^{t}. Juan del Monte & Cavita for which reason I took upon me to persuade those who belong to other Provinces, to advise the Indians to come to this City I am sure they would not make any Account of my persuasions as proceeding from a Person who has not power to compell them, & consequently they could not have the desired effect, however to prove to your Lordships the sincere desire I have for peace & Tranquility so far as my Institution & profession allow, and not exceeding the Bounds of the Fidelity due to my Catholick King (which I am very sure the British generosity does in no shape pretend to oblige me to lay aside) I have already laid before the Superior Prelate of the Province the Order & recommendation I received from your Lordships concerning these particulars, which is the only method I had to be able for the present to comply with what you require & I promise afterwards to acquaint your Lordships with my Prelates Answer.

In the same letter you are pleased to tell me, that you are sorry to have observed I did not pay the proper regard to the capitulation by contributing my share towards compleating the four millions, my Order Sir was the first to do all that lay in its power & immediately exhibited 10000 Dollars in specie in wrough Plate belonging to the Churches 11616, besides 6028 Dollars in money which was managed by my third Order, In the first ten thousand Dollars the Order not only gave what it had, but also deprived itself for the time to come of the hopes it might have of augmenting said sum, upon account of having given up a quantity bequeathed by the last Will of different Benefactors which being given out at Bottomry, brought in Gains that should only be employed for the maintenance of Friers Missoners Beatas, & Collegians, neither could my order have given up the Plate belonging to its churches so long as it was possessed of any other riches, since it is prohibited by all our Laws, & that in the most strict and severe manner to dispose of the Plate which is dedicated to the Divine worship, so long as any thing else remains to contribute with, the Convent of S^{t}. Dominick has neither rents, nor Funds, this being prohibited by the rules of its institution, according to which it subsists by Charities neither has the College of S^{t}. Thomas any Riches at present because said College bought from M^{r}. Kennedy an estate to the Amount of 70000 Dollars which obliged it to contract great Debts notwithstanding which it has not as yet been able to pay off all it owed said Kennedy, besides it cost my order 3310 Dollars to redeem its bills, & lost during the plunder above 6000 Dollars so that no more remains than what may help to maintain for some Months the Friars, Beatas, & Collegians, & so humbly intreat your Lordships to be satisfied with these reasons, & to be assured that

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I have no means left, to contribute more than I already have done, The notorious humanity of your Lordships leave no more room to doubt that you'l grant me this favour, and I am sure it is not your intention to see us in a starving condition.

I obey your Lordships orders to the last Article Inclosing by a List of the Friars belonging to the Province in these Islands, The almighty prosper the life & Health for many years, Manilha December 15th. 1762.

Pedro Lewis de Seirra.

List of the Dominican Fryars.

A LIST OF THE DOMINICAN FRIARS OF THE PROVINCES OF THESE PHILLIPINE ISLANDS.

The Revd. Father Peter Yre, Superior of the whole Province actually employed in visiting the Provinces as is usual.

ASSISTANTS TO SAID SUPERIOR.

The father Deigo Zunita, & Peter Bordalls.

IN THE CONVENT OF ST. DOMINICK.

Father Francisco Casas.
Father Francisco Blanguer.

F. Sebastian Sanchoz.
F. Domingo Bruna.

F. Manuel Diaz.

F. Pedro Manly.
F. Joseph Villa.
F. Joseph Munoz.
F. Phillip Fabie.
F. Francisco Fabie.

IN THE CHINESE HOSPITAL OF ST. GABRIEL.

F. Ignacio Xaurique.
F. Juan de Sta. Domingo.

IN THE PARISH OF BINONDOE.

F. Domingo Quintona.
F. Augustin Velarde.
F. Bernardo Aragon.
F. Francisco Garcia.
F. Fernandez a lay Brother.

IN THE COLLEGE OF ST. THOMAS IN MANILHA.

F. Joachin del Rosario.
F. Beneto Pereyras.

F. Pedro Fortasus.

F. Pedro Lewis de Leinra.
F. Juan Genzales.
F. Angel Aquado.

F. Andres Moreda.

IN THE SANTUARY OF ST. JUAN DEL MONTE.

F. Deigo Serrano.
F. Gregorio de la fecente.

IN THE FARM OF BINAN.

F. Joseph Palacios a lay Brother.
F. Pedro Hernandez do.

IN THE CONVENT OF CAVITE.

F. Juan Tur.
F. Pasqual Poveda taken on board the Ship Trinidad.
F. Domingo Oruz a lay Brother.

COLLEGE OF ST. JUAN LEBRAN IN MANILHA.

F. Charles Masvidal.
F. Joseph Velladecas.

IN THE PARISH OF THE PARIAN.

F. Mathes Villafanca.
F. Pablo Domingogien.

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THE FOLLOWING ARE IN THE PROVINCE NOT UNDER MY COMMAND

IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN.

Father Santiago de la portilla in the Church of Orans.

F. Juan de losrios in the same Church.
F. Juan Serrano in the Church of Santa-humosa.
F. Juan de los Hos in the same place.
F. Mistuel Serrano in Samall.
F. Alstaan del Resario in the same place.
F. Pedro Cosa in Balanga.
F. Alselmo Cealceata in the same place.
F. Felix del Rosario in the same place.
F. Deigo Garricdo in Oriong.
F. Joachin deslas Rosa *ibid.*
F. Binito de St. Vizt. *ibid.*
F. St. Iago de Borade in Abucay.

F. Joseph Villar *ibid.*
F. Antonio Cagega *ibid.*

IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN.

F. Andres Malendez in Lingayen.
F. Domingo Dunedal *ibid.*
F. Domingo Rodrig *ibid.*
F. Manuel Eerikin Bayanbang.
F. Joseph Esclante *ibid.*
F. Thomas Alliender in Bimtatorgon.
F. Domingo Benda *ibid.*
F. Manuel Perez in Calisas.
F. Pedro Miguel *ibid*
F. Christoval Ausina in Manasg.
F. Antonio Suarez *ibid.*
F. Joseph Salvader in Binmalay.
F. Joseph Ballasteros *ibid.*
F. Juan Antonio *ibid.*
F. Joseph Arcaste in Pandayocan.
F. Juan Fernandez *ibid.*
F. Fernds. desta. Mava in Malarigui.
F. Andres de mondoza in Bugay.

F. Manuel Velez in Tuguegaras.
F. Thos. Hernandez in Apari.
F. Christoval Francisco in Furaver.
F. Vizente Castro in Ylagan.
F. Domingo Rodorego Crespo in Capunatan.
F. Mathias Gonzalez in Tumavim.
F. Raymundo Favor in Catalangan.
F. Ignacia Abria in Tabang

THOSE WHO ARE WITH THE BISHOP OF NEW SEGOVIA.

F. Joseph del Rosario.
F. Estevan Carrero a lay Brother.

F. Manl. de St. Joseph. *ibid.*
F. Joseph Mexia in Pangalaquir.

F. Juan Vega in Panaqui.

F. Luis Delphin in Mangaldan.

F. Alonzo del Reigo in San Fabian.
F. Joseph Tubeiro in Salasa.

F. Salvader Tapias in Tagupan.
F. Lorenzo Sarrocio, in Tolon.
F. Henrique Martin *ibid.*
F. Antonio Ruis in Talbang.
F. Juan de Tubuara, in Bengan.
F. Luis Just in Asingan.
F. Manuel Gullierez in St. Iacinto.

IN THE PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, OR NEW SEGORIA. VIA.

F. Vizente Garica in Lalo.
F. Joseph Meranda *ibid.*
F. Joseph Redendo *ibid.*
F. Philipe Sortelo in Massi.
F. Joseph Barja in Calmangtugar.
F. Pedro De st. Pedro in Abalug.
F. Joseph Marin in Pias.
F. Francisco Ferver *ibid.*
F. Luis Marlinez in Cabagan.
F. Antonio Penalosa *ibid.*
F. Antonio Lobato in Malaveg.
F. Miguel Garica in Nassirung.
F. Juan Rabtista Cruz in Mamavor.
F. Vizente Gomoz in Tica.
F. Alonz Amado in Orag.
F. Pedro Henriquez inyginz.

IN THE NEW MISSION OF ST. CRUZ OF PANAQUI & ILUY.

F. Gregorio Marinas in Cavagan.
F. Benito Alaquero *ibid.*
F. Juan Aranjo in Carig.
F. Miguel sanctuz in Bayenbang.

F. Augustin Alonzo *ibid.*
F. Vizente Fernandez in Calassasian.
F. Alexandro Vedal in Babyabag.
F. Philipe Hernandez in Busay.
F. Christoval Rodriguez in Dupas.

F. Joseph Quiros in Possipas.

F. Mariano de San Miguel, in Camavoy.
F. Joseph Corrjinio in Bangbang.

In the Empire of China & Provinces of Tokien are seven missioners. and a Bishop in the kingdom of Tungking are 14 missioners & a Bishop.

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Purport of a Letter to the Archbishop.

No method having lately been taken towards compleating the Million of Dollars agreed to be paid the Captors in prompt payment, of the four Million mentioned in the Terms of Capitulation. Agreed that a letter be wrote to the Archbishop desiring him to hold a conference of ways & means with the different Orders, as recommended in a letter from the Superior of the Jesuits entered in Consultation the 7th. December last.

The following Letter from Captn. Champion Read.

TO THE GOVERNOR & COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

Letter from Captain Champion Commandant at Cavita request the allowance of Batta as Commandt

As it is customary, on the Coast, that all Commandants of out Forts & Garrisons receive Batta, I hope you'l be pleased to order me the same Allowance, having been appointed to this Command by General Draper & confirmed by Admiral Cornish, who thinks I have an undoubted right to the same.

I am

GETLEMEN

Your most Obedient Humble servant

CHARLES CHAMPION Capt.
of Marines & Commdt. of
Ye. Troops at Cavita.

CAVITA
JANUARY 5TH. 1763.

No granted.

The Board considering that Batta to Commandants of out Garrisons on the Coast is allowed only in consideration of the extraordinary Expences they are put to in Cooley hire &ca. which they cannot be at Cavita have it not in their Power to comply with his request & the Secretary is ordered to acquaint him therewith.

Read the following Representations from Don Francisco Vizente Meylan & Juan Francisco, Solaro, & from Don Calderoon Henriquez.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS SIR & COUNCILLORS

Letter from Dono Mylan & Salaro representing that the taking the Trinidad is against the Articles of the Capitulation.

Don Francisco Vizente Meylan, & Don Juan Francisco Salaro on the part of the Commerce humbly set forth, that some days ago we presented a petition to your Lordship & the rest of the Counsellors, in order to have it declared whether the Ship the Santissima Trinidad taken by two of the Ships belonging to the Squadron, actually in this Bay the 30th. Day of October as she was bearing away for these Islands was to be deemed a Lawful Prize, which we consider cannot be upon account of all our Goods & Fortunes being secured to us, by the Agreement signed the 10th. October by their Excellency's the British Generals, & under the Protection of His Brittannick Majesty, But thō this is so notoriously just, neither has our Petition been decided, but also contrary to the Publick right & Law of Nations, our Chests and Trunks have been broke open, & every thing in them taken out, thō neither the Proprietors nor those who consigned to them, were present, & without the authority of any judge who might order an Inventory to be made of the same & he who took said Ship in disposing of her cargo at Cavita as if she was judged a Lawful Prize by all the Courts

that have a right to take cognizance of this Affair but to avoid greater Losses, our Pretension as to what has been already lost, remaining in full force, we beg your Excellency & the Counsellors will be pleased to order that all the Cargoe belonging to said Ship, except the wearing apparels, which has been returned, according to Custom, be deposited in good Godowns which are not to be had at Cavita; & may be kept there, until this affair be settled, according to the Custom practiced among Polite nations, which your Lordship may find in the Treaties of Commerce & Marine between France & Holland in the years 1662, 1678, 1697 and lastly in that of Versailles the 21st. of December 1739 which we in justice desire may be complyed with, & if not, we desire Testimony to appeal as People who consider themselves injured, & in the manner it may be most convenient for us, to the King of great Brittain.

Francisco Vizente Meyan Juan Francisco Solaro.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS SIR & COUNSELLORS

Letter from Don Calderoon setting forth the illegality of making the Trinidad a Prize & requesting an Allowance for his Family.

Peter Calderon Henriquez of the order of Cathavara, sets forth, that having served His Catholick Majesty in these Islands for the term of 25 years, in quality of Judge I got leave to go with my Family to Spain, having embark'd in the Galleon the Holy Trinity we lost all our Masts in the Latitude of Marianas, & as we were returning to these Islands we were taken in the Embocadero by two English ships, the one carrying 30, & the other 64 Guns, after an Action that lasted 5 Hours. This happened the 30th. of October in the Morning & when we were brought to the Port of Cavita, I was denied liberty to go with my Family to Manilha, but after having been detained 19 days they granted me leave to come hither being obliged in both places to live upon charity, as they are actually under the Brittish Dominion, & this City plundered, nothing has been allowed me towards my maintainance, thō I have lost above 30,000 Dollars in said Ship notwithstanding the representations I have made upon different occasions concerning this matter.

What is certain is, that in the last wars, the Viceroy of Mexico, took all the Factors belonging to the English Company at Vera Cruz, & seized 300,000 Dollars worth of their Effects, & had them carried to the Town of Cuernavaca, but it is also notorious that they did not touch their Houshold Liquors or Eatables that were found in the House, suffered them to make use of them, besides he gave them what they asked & considered necessary to maintain them decently allowing even their servants four royals a day, when I call this to mind I can't but be surpris'd as the usage I have received, & am ignorant what reason there can be for so great a novelty.

With much more reason should there an Allowance be made me in consideration of the large Fortune that was taken from me in said Ship sufficient to maintain me decently according to my Rank and quality, it being notorious & without any manner of doubt that the Santisma Trinidad is not a lawful Prize which would be contrary to what their Excellencies the Brittish Generals promised in the first Article proposed by the Illustrious Captn. General of these Islands & his Magistrates, & agreed to by their Excellencies & signed the 10th. of October in which they expressly promised the Inhabitants the security of their Effects & Possessions, but as the ship Trinidad was not taken until 30th of said month, she should by no means be looked upon as a lawful prize, neither does it avail saying that the Magistrate of Manilha had not comply'd with the fourth condition as their Excellencies required concerning the four Million of Dollars, which were to be paid by way of contribution because these conditions had been made the 5th. of October & all four with the necessary & absolute condition that the City of Manilha should be preserved from being plundered, but as this condition has not been complyed with & the place had been plundered

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with the utmost rigor for more than forty Hours (which there are few Examples of, especially in places of no more than 200 citizens such as Manilha) said conditions are no longer of any weight, & all the Impositions Imprisonments & Embargoes besides other proceeding put in practice against the Spaniards and Indians, relating to any contributions have been notoriously against the Law & publick Faith, & their Excellencies well knowing that according to the Laws of War, there could not be any contribution exacted from a place that had been plundered, left out this Article in what was stipulated the 10th. of October, which is the only formal Agreement that is met with inform of Proposals, with the answer to each one, Agreed to, denied or limited, according to the common custom of Capitulations, & it can't be presumed or imagined that the English Nation will fall off in their promise in what they have agreed to.

Moreover, in order to compell the Governor & the Magistrate to agree to those Proposals & conditions made the 5th. of October they were threatened to be put to death, thō they were Prisoners, which is a thing unheard of, as the liberty to take away lives upon such occasion, is only tolerated so long as the first violence of the storm continues, after the same manner happens when a ship is boarded the first that are met with are put to Death until the Ship is entirely conquered, but such as lay down their Arms are used with the greatest Humanity each one according to His rank & quality, nor do they exact any thing from them but what is in the Prize, without enquiring whether they have any thing in any other ship or Place.

But thō such conditions were void as the principal one was not observed, I mean that by which it was promised that the Place should not be plundered, & for the reason already alledged, the Spaniards have complyed by delivering up the Place & Fortifications of Cavita according to the 3d. Article without making the least resistance thō it was mounted with 136 pieces of Cannon some of them 30 Pr. with 46 Cartridges to each Gun, & 4000 men for the management of them, & the Defence of the Place with Provisions for 4 months, & sufficient Military Stores, with the Port free to receive such succours as might be necessary in its narrow channel, besides the Castle that defended it, there was a 60 Gun ship. Another of 30, & another 20, well arm'd & mann'd to defend them, by the land side, it is difficult to be attacked as the Country being level & it is no more than 25 fathoms vide near the Place between the Port & the Sea, which was defended by a strong Bastion, with good Artillery & a deep Ditch of running water. In this place they found in Effects and Provisions belonging to the King to the amount of 120,000 Dollars.

And the value of the ships Trinidad & Philipine should not be considered as an equivalent for the delivering up of Cavite I hope the Integrity of your Excellencies the Counsellors will engage you to declare that the Effects found in the Trinidad, should be returned to their Lawful owners otherwise the promise & word given by their Excellencies the Generals of his Brittanick Majesty will be of no weight & the delivery of Cavita without any Equivalent, tho surrendered in consequence of said word, which otherwise could not have been taken without a great deal of Pains, the delivering up of the Fort & Citadel of St. Jago deserves some consideration having surrendered without any resistance thō it was in a Condition to make some.

By this we see that what has been taken & plundered since, is worth above a million of Dollars & that the Impossibility of such a contribution is notorious, since the citizens have no Estates nor Farms nor any other subsistence but what they acquire by Trade & by taken all this from them, & every other thing that might serve them for that purpose, it will be the same as taken away their Lives indirectly neither in promising them the free Exercise of their religion was more done than should have been, because this, & he not innovating any thing in the Political Government is the custom observed by all the nations in Europe, since the taken of a place gives

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no more right to the conqueror, than a power depending on what may be determined in the Treaty of Peace, for which reason all things should remain & be kept in *statu quo*, to be returned reciprocally if agreed upon in the same Condition they were found in which could not take effect if the Political Government was changed & might be a motive for still prolonging the war.

And since it is certain from these undeniable Proofs, that the Galleon Trinidad cannot be deemed a lawful Prize I intreat your Excellency & the Counsellors will please to order that such Effects & Jewels as belong to me in the said Ship, may be returned to me, or at least for the present the Sum of 2000 Dollars, on account of them, but if this cannot be comply'd with, I request it on Account of the India Company & oblige myself to pay them either at London or Cadiz, I hope the same method will be practised here as in America & the Windward Islands, where if the English make any Prizes on the Spaniards, or these on them, they are carried to the nearest Port, & there the Governor Declares whether the Prize be lawful or not, after having heard in Justice the reasons given by the Persons concerned and afterwards gives them Copies of the sentences, to appeal to their respective Kings, This I hope your Excellency & the Counsellors will do by declaring that said Ship Trinidad is not a Lawful Prize, This I ask as a Person largely concerned, & a copy of whatever resolution you may come to, accompanied with this representation in Duplicate, in order to apply where I should, & I ask nothing but Justice. I also desire in order to have this Business in proper Form, that they may be annexed to it a litteral copy of the said Condition & agreement in the meantime I present a simple copy which was given me.

(Signed) PETER CALDEROON HENRIQUEZ.

The affair not cognizable by us Purport of a letter to them.

The Affair they complain of, not being cognizable by us, Agreed that a letter be wrote them to acquaint them therewith & to refer them to the Admiral, at the same time assuring them that their case shall be represented to the Honble Court of Directors & the Presidency of Fort S^{t}. George accompanied with copies of their Addresses.

Don Calderoon Henriquez referred to the Archp. for an Allowance.

With regard to Don Calderons request for an Allowance for the support of his Family the Archbishop having the conducting that Branch must be applyed to.

Letter from the Archbishop requests the Monthly allowance for the royal Officers.

The Governor lays before the Board the following Letter from the Archbishop.

TO THE BRITISH GOVERNOR & COUNSELLORS,

EXCELLENT SIR & SIRS

According to the Account made out by the Officer appointed by me to pay such as have pay from my Sovereign, I shall want 5090 Dollars in order to satisfy what became due the last month, which I hope in consequence of what I have represented, your Excellency will order to be delivered to the Person who carries my receipt.

I am

Your Excellencies most Obedient Servant

MANUEL, *Abp. of Manilha.*

MANILHA
3^{D}. OF JANUARY 1763.

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Granted. Ordered that the sum of 5090 Dollars be advanced for the subsistence of the Royal Officers & Military Agreable to his request.

Bill for the feeding of Horses belonging to the Artillery presented ordered to be paid. Capt. Horn Presents a Bill for feeding the Horses belonging to the Artillery amounting 888 Dollˢ. which is now ordered to be paid.

Cash Account read. The Governor reads the Cash Account for last month as entered hereafter, Balance remaining.

Mr. Johnson resigns the Employ of Secretary. Mr. Jourdan succeeds him. Mr. Johnson represents to the Board, that his bad state of Health prevents his paying the attention to the Secretaryship that it requires, & therefore request their Permission to resign it, Agreed that his resignation be accepted, & that Mr. Francis Jourdan be appointed to succeed him in that Employ.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.
J. L. SMITH.
HENRY BROOKE.

10th. Sent the following Letters to Don Calderon Henriquez & Don Francisco Vizente Meylan & Juan Francisco Solano.

TO MR. CALDERON HENRIQUEZ

SIR,

We have received your Letter and are sorry it is not in our power to redress the Grievance you complain of, it being an Affair only cognizable here by Admiral Cornish to whom we must therefore refer you however we shall not fail to transmit a Copy of your Letter to the Honble Court of Directors and the Presidency of Fort St. George with a representation of your Case.

With regard to an Allowance for the Subsistence of your Family, We refer you to the Archbishop who has the regulating of that Branch.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servants
DAWSONNE DRAKE &CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
10TH. JANUARY 1763.

TO MESSRS. FRANO. VIZTE. MEYLAN &
JUAN FRANIS. SOLANO.

GENTLEMEN,

We have received your Letter, & are sorry it is not in our Power to redress the Grievances you complain of being Cognizable here by Admiral Cornish only, to whom we must therefore refer you. However we shall not fail to transmit a Copy of the letter to the Honble Court of Directors, and the Presidency of Fort St. George with a Representation to your Case.

We are
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient humble Servants
DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
10TH. JANUARY 1763.

—— *MANILHA, JANUARY 1763* ——

A Fire happened last Night in the Fishing Town which destroyed many Hutts.

Sent the following letter to the Archbishop & the Sunerior [*sic*] of the Jesuits. 12th.

To the Illustrious Don Manuel Antonio Roxo
Viexas Archbishop of Manilha.

Illustrious Sir,

Having received letters from the Superior of the Jesuits, and those of the other religious Orders desiring that a Conference may be held by your Appointment for considering of ways and means, for making Proportionable Contributions, towards compleating the 4 millions. We request you will cause such Conference to be held, in your presence, to fix on some method for raising such proportions. Apprehending that those Sums already contributed by the different Orders, are pious Donations, and not any part of the Funds belonging to said Orders.

We are with Esteem
Illustrious Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servants

Manilha
12th. June 1763.

Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Council.

To the Revd. Father Bernard Pazuengos
Superior of the Jesuits.

Revd. Sir,

We have received your letter & agreeable to your request have desired the Archbishop to hold a conference of ways and means, but we cannot help remarking that we are very sencible, the 50,000 your Order has contributed are not any part of your own Capital, but Pious Donations.
Drs.

We desire you will send a List of the members of your Community, with the Places of their Abode agreeable to your latest Account.

We are
Revd. Sir,
Your most Humble Servants

Manilha
January 1763.

Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Council.

Also one to Captn. Thomas Backhouse as follows:—

To Captn. Thomas Backhouse
Commanding at Pasig.

Sir,

In order to prevent a Scarcity of Grain at Manilha We desire you will inform yourself of the Quantity of Paddy &ca. lately cut in the Neighbourhood of Pasig, in what Part of the Villages it is deposited and give the Head men strict Orders not to dispose of any without our Permission.

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When you have obtained the necessary Information you will please to forward us an Account thereof.

We are
SIR,
Your most Obedient Servants
DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA 12TH. JANUARY 1763.

Wednesday JANUARY 13TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPY. GOVR. PRESt.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
SAMUEL JOHNSON.

Proposals delivered in by Messrs. Sprat &ca. accepted.

The necessary inquiry having been made concerning the Prices of the Different Articles mentioned in the Proposals of Messrs. John Sprat Francis Jourdan and Quintin Crawfurd, for Providing the Garrison with 3 months Provisions, and being found very reasonable, the Board accept their Offers, but as they have reason to think the Admiral will spare them a Quantity of Salt Provisions. agreed that no Jerked or Salt Beef be prepared untill further Notice be given them.

4,000 Dollars to be advanced them.

The Contractors desiring an advance of 4000 Dollars ordered that their request be complied with.

Mr. Henry Parsons appointed Garrison Storekeeper.

It being absolutely necessary, that the Provisions delivered should be under the charge of a careful Person agreed that Mr. Henry Parsons be appointed to that Employ and that he be allowed such Assistants as may be judged necessary.

Lascars complain that they do not receive Bengal Pay & Batta as Promised them at Madras.

The Paymaster acquaints the Board that the Lascars complain, that instead of receiving the same Pay and Batta as on the Bengal Expedition, (which they say was promised them) they are paid 8 Fanams less than at Madras, The reasons which induced the Board to grant the Bengal Batta to the Seapoy's subsist the same with regard to these People, Agreed therefore that the same Batta be allowed them in the Field and that the other Grievance they complain of be represented to the Gentlemen at Madras.

The Admiral offers Stores to the Company. Accepted. Mr. Parsons to take an Account of them.

The Admiral having acquainted the Governor, that he purposes leaving the Company a Quantity of Naval Stores at the Almazena as well as at Cavita Agreed that they be accepted and that Mr. Henry Parsons to take an Account of them.

Grain also Accepted.

The Admiral also offers to the Govr. a Quantity of Grain which being wanted for the Garrison is ordered to be received at the Price the Government is to pay for the part taken on their Account.

Bill for the subsistence of the King of Xolo &ca. presented ordered to be paid.

The Paymaster lays before the Board a Bill for the Monthly Stipends of the King of Xolo and Ambassadors from Mindanao & Xolo—Ordered that it be paid.

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Mr. Parry the Admiral Secretary presents a Bill for a mortar bed made on Board the South Sea Castle for the use of the Expedition amounting to 124–1–7 Ordered that it be paid. D R B

Bill for a Mortar Bed made for th siege- presented to be paid.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.
J. L. SMITH.
HENRY BROOKE.

Received the following Letter from the Archbishop. 15th.

To the Governor

Most Excellent Sir,

I have often complained about substantial Points of my holy religion, and I am sure that when your Excellency considers that the observance of it is the first and principal part of the Capitulation you will take particular care to protect it, as it is under the royal Protection of His Brittannick Majesty.

This presupposed, I am informed that the Sanctuary of Nxa. Sta. Guadalupe was plundered by the Soldiers who went to Pasig—and that they carried away the very Image, that likewise in the Church of Taguy the same Disorder was committed, & it plundered. I am throughly persuaded the Commandant did not give any such Orders, as he is both a Polite man & a real Soldier, but that the private Soldiers took this liberty, & these Churches are pareshes & the Ornaments belonging to them are for the divine Worship—which were offered & given as Charities by the faithful & that the Augusteen Friars had only these Parishes in Trust, & for the time being, as I am the proper & Lawful Pastor your Excellency & your Royal Council will please to order that the Holy Image may be returned, & the Ornaments for divine Wordship, [*sic*] as to what regards the Augusteen church at Manilha, since all it's Plate was taken away, I beg that at least the Holy Vessels be returned & that the Keys of the church be delivered to me that it may not be profaned. I speak of the church not of the Lodgings in the Convent.

Manuel Antonio *Archp. of Manilha.*

Manilha 12th January 1763.

To which was returned an Answer as follows— 17th.

TO THE ARCHBISHOP

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR,

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 12th. Instant.

The Articles of the Capitulation were ever our Guidance in all respects and those relating to Religion have been paid the utmost Attention to, Direction have always been given to preserve the Churches from Plunder and when these fail to have the proper Effect, it should only be imputed to the Soldiers and Seapoys, who sometimes cannot be restrained when incens'd by a Faithless Enemy.

The same Information you mention to have received, concerning the Sanctuary of St. Maria of Guadaloupe has reached us, and previous to our having been favored with your Representation on the Subject, orders had been dispatched to return it with the Chalices when demanded, accordingly Sir when you shall please to depute a proper Person to receive them they will be delivered up.

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With regard to the sacred Vessels lately belonging to the Church of S[t]. Augustine, we wish you had made an earlier Application for them, however we will use our utmost Endeavours (if not too late) to get them restored, and you may be assured that the Church shall not be profaned.

We have the honor to be with Esteem
ILLUSTRIOUS SIR.
Your most Obedient Servants.

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&[CA]. COUNCIL.

MANILHA 17[TH]. JANUARY 1763.

Wednesday JANUARY 19[TH]. 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQ[R]. DEPUTY GOV[R]. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
SAMUEL JOHNSON.

Read the following representations from Mess[rs]. Solano & Meylan, & Don Calderon Henriquez in answer to our Letters to them the 18[th]. Instant.

Most Illustrious Sir &c[a]. Councellours,

Representation of Mess[rs]. Solano & Meylan on the subject of the Trinidad.

request a Copy of the resolutions of the Board on their former Letter.

We cannot do less than answer the letter your Lordship and the Councellours were pleased to honor us with as well to return our Thanks for the favor & kind Expressions, as to request a copy of the resolution you came to, about the paper we presented, which we beg you'l please to give us, by ordering it to be set down at the end of our said Paper, that with this Instrument we may Apply to His Majesty the King of Great Britain and in the mean-time, the Cargo of the Galleon that was taken may be deposited in good Godowns at Manilha as no such are to be had at Cavita. As we are only employed upon this occasion, we cannot apply to any Judge besides your Lordship as Governor of this Place to whom it properly belongs to decide this cause and not the Admiral, who can't be Judge and Captor at the same time, this we hope from your Lordships great Equity and that of the Councellours who we don't doubt will agree to our Petition & due shall for ever Pray.

(Signed) FRAN[CO]. VIZ[TE]. MEYLAN.
JUAN FRAN[CE]. SOLANO.

S[T]. CRUZ
11[TH]. JANUARY 1763.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS SIR & COUNCELLOURS,

Representation of Calderoon concerning the Trinidad.

Pedro Calderon Henriquez of the Order of Calatrava says that having presented a Petition concerning the Damages he suffered by the taking of the Ship Trinidad, and desiring it should be decided she was not a Lawful Prize with everything else said Petition contains, all which he here reproduces, you were pleased to order I should apply to His Excellency Admiral Cornish to whom it belonged to take Cognizance of said affair, but with all the respect & veneration I owe your Lordship I can't forbear saying that this sentence is contrary to Publick right and Law, & the ordenances of the Marine said Admiral being a Party concerned in this Business as the Ship was taken by two Vessels detached by the Squadron and in such case, allowing the Prize to be a lawful one, she

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must be divided among all the Ships of said Squadron thô they had not been Present at, nor concurred in the taking of her; this is the conformable to the Ordenances of the Marine, & as a thing clear & well known in Law, 'tis said in Chapter 30th. of the Treaty of Commerce & Marine made between France & Holland December 21st. 1739 that all Prizes made at sea shall be judged by disinterested Persons and no ways liable to suspicion of Partiality in such matter & tis said so in the following words translated from the French His Majesty being desirous, that the Subjects of the states General may be treated in all his Dominions as favorably as his own shall give all the necessary Orders, that all sentences that shall be given relating to Prizes made at sea, shall be according to the strictest Justice, & Equity by Disinterested Persons, & no way liable to suspicion, in the affair in Question, as there is no subdelegate Judge here from the Court of Admiralty, your Lordship is the only lawful Judge of Prizes in the same manner as the Spanish Governors have been, by their Quality of Judges in Ordinary & Captain General the same is observed at Puerto Rico St. Domingo and Vera Cruz, because the Jurisdiction in ordinary comprehends all causes, and affairs where no other Judge is appointed for particular Cases, in so much that a Magistrate of a Village can infrangante sequester & imprison a General Officer & send the State of his case to his lawful Superior, by which it appears, that your Lordship's Jurisdiction cannot be contested, neither cannot it be deny'd that you are the proper Person to take Cognizance of said Prize for want of a subdelegated Judge from the Court of Admiralty, and much less can it be deny'd that you have a right to order an Inventory to be taken, & have all that was taken in said Ship, at the time she was taken, deposited, neither can it avail to say, that you are only subdelegated by the East India Company, because the Jurisdiction exercised by said Company's Subdelegate derives from the King, in the same manner as that exercised by the Court of Admiralty & unless your Lordship orders said Inventory & said Deposit to be made, you will stand responsible for all the Damages the Parties concerned may suffer, since the Admiral has declared himself a party in having ordered the Ship to be unladen and the Jewels found aboard her to be disposed, without giving Notice to the Persons concerned, My Desks, bundles & chests were broke open, & many things of great value taken out of them, & landed at Cavite so that your Lordship in justice can't refer to the Admiral, as he, by what he is already done, has transgress'd against all the Ordinances of the Marine.

In the Ordinances of the Spanish Marine, till the 5th. of Prizes, and Article 13th. is what follows, That at the time of restoring the Ships not looked upon to be lawful Prizes, there may be no Doubts nor disputes arises concerning Pretensions made by their owners or the Captns. I order that as soon as possible, an exact Inventory be made of every thing that lies open or exposed and may be liable to be put out of the way, & as soon as they get into Port a new Inventory may be made by the subdelegate of the Intendant of such Department, in presence of the Captain or Master, & the Officer who commands the Prize out of which shall not be suffered to go ashore any Person or come Aboard untill all this is done.

In Article 38 If before the Prize be judged Lawful, or not it should be necessary to unlade the whole or part of the Cargo, for fear it should be damaged, in such case the hatches shall be opened in presence of a subdelegate to the Intendant, and the Captn. of Super Cargoe of said Prize, & after having taken an exact Inventory of all the Goods delivered they shall be deposited with some sure Person or in store houses, whereof the Captain of the Prize shall have a key.

In Article 28th. it is said I declare that any person who without leave should open the Hatches once shut or the Chests, Bales, Cupboards, Pipes of

sacks, which contain merchandize, shall not only lose his share of the Prize and his wages of the whole Voyage, but shall also be treated as a Robber & accordingly be banish'd to some Garrison Arsenal or Galley.

In Article 22d. should the Prize not be deemed a Lawful one she shall be immediately restored & put into the Possession of the Captn. or owner, his Officers and Crew to whom shall also be returned every thing belonging to them, without taking anything from them.

In Article 44th. That no Person of what Rank or Quality so ever shall buy or hide any Goods, he knows belongs to the Prize, until she is declared to be a Lawful one under the Penalty of not only being obliged to return them, but likewise to be fined in the value of three parts, of what the goods bought or hid were worth & to be chastised accordingly.

In Article 58, The Produce of the Prize shall be shared among all the Ships belonging to the Squadron, whether they were present or not at the taking of her.

And the same is provided for in the French Ordenances title 9th. relating to the Prizes & can't fail of being the same in the English ones: as all this is of Publick right & Law, which the Admiral can't be ignorant of, nor of having been represented to your Lordship by the merchants of this City, as soon as the Prize got to Cavite, & likewise of my claim in the paper I gave in upon the same Subject, the 13th. of December of last year moreover the Admiral signed the convention of the 10th. of October, by which he promised the security of the Effect & fortunes of the Inhabitants, under the protection of the King of Great Britain, so he can't be ignorant that to seize said Effects with the Arms that were obliged to protect them, must be dishonorable to the royal protection promised to us & to have disposed of the Effects aboard said Ships, is to deny all redress to those concerned in her, even to the King, because when once the Cargo is divided, & the Prize declared not to be a lawful one, tis impossible to return the Effects in the same condition they were in, & so the King can only bring an action against those who were the occasion of such Losses for these Reasons I request your Lordship and Council will please to order an Inventory to be made of all the Effects aboard said Ship that they may be deposited and whoever bought anything belonging to said Prize may be obliged to return it with the Fine of three times the value, as provided by the Ordenance, that she may be immediately declared an unlawful Prize, for the reasons alledged in my former Petition & that all the Jewels of value that were taken out of my 4 Desks, and 5 Chests and likewise out of my Cabin and Conveniencys aboard the said Ship may be restored to me otherwise as soon as these proceedings Ordenances are published in the Magazines, the Spaniards will follow the same method in all the Prizes they may take from the English, without any form of Law, or waiting for said Prizes being declared lawful or not neither can the English with any shew of Reason complain or accuse them of being guilty of Depredation because Justice should be equal, whatever solution you may came to on this Subject, I beg a Testimony of ℔ Duplicate, and that this and my former Petition may be inserted, so as I may apply where it is most convenient for me, & hereby I made all the Protests necessary in Law, that so my right may be preserved, and those who have been the occasion of all these Losses, made responsible for them, and the Costs and Charges attending them, this being the method practised in Law.

PEDRO CALDERON HENRIQUEZE.

The Legality of all Prizes being only determinable by a Court of Admiralty in England Agreed again to repeat to them that Admiral Cornish is the only Person in India who can give them Redress, & to whom we therefore once more refer them.

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Ordered that the Secretary do enclose to Messrs. Meylan & Solano, a Copy of our resolution on their former Letter.

Read a Letter from Major Fell as follow—

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr.
Governor &ca. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen

Letter from Major Fell requesting the same allowances as Coll. Monson had on the Coast.

Colonel Monson before he left Manilha acquainted the Governor, that he had been allowed by the Governor and Council of Madras, as Commanding the Forces there both in Garrison as well as in the Field the Sum of 5 Pagodas ℔ Day, together with an Allowance of an Aid du Camp and Secretary. As I am at present invested with the same Power & authority in this Island as Colonel Monson was upon the Coast, I imagine I have a Claim to the same Allowances, and I must beg the favor of you to take it under your consideration & let me know what you shall determine on this subject. should my request be granted to which from the Precedent above quoted I hope you can have no objection. I beg that Lt. Turner of H. M. 79th. Regiment may be appointed my Aid du Camp.

I am with great respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt. Hble Servant

Robt. Edd. Fell.

Manilha 11th. January 1763.

not complyd with.

but

referred to Madras.

The Board apprehend that Colonel Monson had the Allowances mentioned in the above Letters granted him, in consideration of his then commanding all his Majestys & the Companys Troops in India. This can by no means be applyed to the Present case, therefore they are of opinion, that his request cannot be complied with but it is Agreed that a Copy of his Letter be transmitted to the President and Council of Madras to whom we must refer him.

Notaries Public appear before the Board.

The Board being informed that Manuel Viscarra, Martin Dominguez, Domingo Arquiza, Publick Notices [*sic*] Joseph Varquez Escrivanode Tondo, & Juan Sera Theniente de Escrivano Mayor, have the publick Registers and other Papers which may hereafter be of great service, Ordered that the Secretary do direct them to attend next Thursday at Consultation.

Alcalde of Manilha to prepar (*sic*) 3 Lists of its Inhabitants.

The Secretary is also ordered to direct Don Domingo Gomer late Alcalde of this City to prepar three List of the Inhabitants thereof The first of these in the Town at the time of our Arrival (23d.) September the second of these therein the 6th. October the Day of the storm & the third the Inhabitants actually present at this time. The Board will thereby discover the number that have absented themselves and come to a more certain knowledge of the People contained in the walls &ca. than could any otherwise be obtained.

Godowns in the Citadel greatly out of repair.

Storekeeper requests Indian or Spanish assistants comply'd with & the Godowns to be repaired.

The Garrison Storekeeper acquaints the Board that the Godowns in the Citadel in which the Provisions for the Garrison were to be deposited, are greatly in want of repair & requests Indian or Spanish Assistants to receive the Grain, as his other Employ of Military Storekeeper, will not admit of his paying so close attention to it as it requires—Ordered that his request be complied with, and that he be directed to get the Godowns properly repaired.

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Mr. Curthbert presents 3 Bills for Payment.

Mr. Curthbert tenders to the Board, Bills for Gunny Bags amounting to Dollars 396,3,10, for Timber used in the Construction of a Battery, 1074–7–4 for sundries furnished the Company's Sloop Pasig, Ordered that they do lie upon the Table, until further Enquiry be made concerning them.

Commission for James Kennedy Esqr. as Corregidor of the Province of Tondo, being read & approved, is now signed.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.
J. L. SMITH.
HENRY BROOKE.

23RD. Sent the following letters to Don Calderon Henrequez & Juan Francisco Solano, & Franis. Vezente Meylan.

TO DON CALDERON HENRIQUEZ.

SIR,

We have received your second Letter on the subject of the Capture of the Santissima Trinidada.

It is unnecessary for us to enter into a discursion of the Plea's you offer, as we are not authoris'd to Judge of this Affair which can only be determined by a Court of Admiralty in Europe, We therefore again repeat to you that Admiral Cornish is the only Person in India who can give you Redress & to whom we must once more refer you.

We are

SIR,

Your most obedient Servants,

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA 23D. JANUARY 1763.

TO MESSRS. MEYLAN & SOLANO.

GENTLEMEN,

We have received your second letter concerning the Capture of the Santissima Trinidada.

The legality of all Prizes can only be determined by a Court of Admiralty in Europe; & in India Admiral Cornish is the only Person who can take cognizance of any Affairs of this kind.

Agreeable to your request, we enclose you Copy of our resolution on your former Letter & are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient Servant
DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA 23D. JANUARY 1763.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPY. GOVR. President. JANUARY 24TH.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
SAMUEL JOHNSON.

Read the Following Letters from Don Joseph Iriurte, and Gundao Ambassador from Mindanao. Letter from Don Josh. Iriarte.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR,

Don Joseph Iriurte Lieutenant and Colonel of Foot in his Catholick Majesty's service and Prisoner of War to the King of Great Britain, sets forth, how in a paper I was informed had been given to your Lordship by Don Pedro Calderoon of the Habit of Catatrava as a person concerned in the cargo of the ship called the Holy Trinity there was an Article as follows " and thō said conditions are null, for want of the first having been complied with which was the one that made the rest valid, by assuring there be no plunder and because by what is said above the Spaniards complied by surrendering the place and the Fort of Cavite without the least opposition as mentioned in the third Article, and in this place as found and taken both in Sea Stores and other provisions belonging to the King to the value of above 1,20,000 Dollars, with which last words said paper concludes and he the said Calderoon desires a Testimony of such resolution as your Lordship may come to in regard to said paper, but as said Gentlemen was not present when said place was surrendered and entirely unacquainted with the weighty Circumstances which preceded, so as all he advances upon this subject is quite void of Truth, and my Honor is concerned, the more that it is not his Business in any shape to interfere or tuch (touch?) upon this matter, which only concerns the Archbishop as Captn. General (to whom I likewise design to represent this case) I think it necessary that your Lordship order said Article to be blotted out of said paper, and should the Testimony he desires be given him, it may be upon condition of inserting this paper, so as my opposition in this particular may always appear for the reasons I here alledge and likewise that your Lordship may order him not to interfere with matters which no ways concerns him the more that by his so doing my Honor suffers.

I beg your Lordship will decide in my favor as what I desire is so just, and that I may have a Testimony of this paper and the resolution taken in consequence of it.

JOSEPH IRIARTE.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS SIR,

The Sergeant Major, Captain of the Guard to Paquimastano Jaura Amarudin King of Mindanao and his Ambassador, with the greatest veneration sets forth that about the beginning of the month of February 1762, This King with the Princes and the rest of the Grandees determined to treat about a Peace with the Spaniards for which reason this Embassy was wrote and delivered to me to bring it to this capital in order to have it put in Execution by delivering it into the Hands of the Captain General & when every thing was ready to dispatch me His Britannick Majesty's Squadron appeared, which hindered said Dispatches to be concluded, & me from coming to any resolution what to do ever since, & as this Detention naturally must occasion many losses to me, & create uneasiness in my Sultan for want of any Account of what has happened in this City, I beg your Lordship will please to give your orders that I may have leave Letter from Gandao.

to return & acquaint my Sultan with the present state of Affairs & beg your Lordship will please to write him whatever you think proper & I offer & promise to return as soon as possible with his resolution.

(Signed) GANDAO (in *Arabick*).

In regard to Mr. Irriarte's Representation, to complain when injured, & to expect Redress is the right of all mankind, & when publick addresses are made to the Board, they are obliged to explain their sentiments on them, Mr. Calderons Letter & their Resolution being already recorded, even if they were afterwards disapproved of, could not be erased, Agreed therefore that a Letter be wrote to acquaint him therewith & at the same time to assure him that as we are desirous of doing him all the Justice in our power, his Letter shall likewise be entered which shall always stand as his Dissent.

Purport of a Letter to Don Joseph Iriarte.

The Ambassador from Mirdanae having intimated to the Governor that the Sultan his master would gladly enter into an Alliance with the English Nation the Board consider the many Advantages that may arise from such an Alliance whenever it may be found expedient to take Possession of Sambangan, or any other Settlement on that Island, which is so happily situated adjacent to the Celebeo & other Spice Islands, produces Cinnamon or Cassia, other valuable Commodities & Provisions in great Abundance, & are of opinion that untill he can return, he should be treated with the utmost regard. Agreed therefore that exclusive of the Allowance lately granted him a Coach &ca. be kept for him during his stay, & that a Letter be addressed to him, to acquaint him with our desire of cultivating a Friendship with his master, & that we shall take the first suitable opportunity of sending him back to his Country.

The King of Xolo having made to the Company an offer of part of his Dominions on the Islands of Xolo & Borneo, which the Board still in hopes of Mr. Dalrymple's arrival yet differ Accepting, less it might interfere with the Plan laid down by him & adopted by the Gentlemen of the Presidency, they are nevertheless of opinion, that the whole Family should in the mean time be treated with all becoming Respect & that exclusive of the monthly allowance formerly made him, two Coaches for himself & son be immediately procured, & that 2 Halberdier's constantly attend him.

Reasons of the Board for allowing the Ambassador from Mindanao a Coach &ca.

Mr. Henry Parsons, Military Storekeeper represents to the Board, that on the Coast an Allowance of 10 Pagodas per month is made to his Employ which he requests as well as Assistance of Indian & Spanish writers. The Board think proper to defer coming to a Decision the former part of his request, untill they can hear from Madras, altho they think his great share of Business, & deligent application sufficiently entitle him to it, but the latter part being absolutely necessary Agreed that he be permitted to entertain such as he may have occasion for, & can confide in.

The Military storekeeper requests a monthly Allowance of 10 Pagodas & assistance of Spanish &ca. Writers the former defered Writers allowed him.

Agreeable to the Orders of last Consultation Martin Domingues, Domingo Arquisa, Alverto alas, Notaries Publick attend the Board, & being called upon for the Papers they were reported to have acquainted them that they were destroyed during the siege, that Manuel Viscarra, Joseph Vasquer & Juan Serrano left the Town before we entered it & that Mr. de Mouray late Secretary of the Audience being Attorney to Viscarra has his Books &ca. ordered that the Secretary do call upon him for them.

Three of the Notaries summoned attend the others absented themselves the beginning of the siege Mr. de Mouray has Man Viscara's Papers which the Secretary is ordered to procure.

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The necessary enquiry having been made concerning the Bills presented by Mr. Curthbert last Consultation ordered that they be paid. **Mr. Curthberts Bills to be paid.**

Sent the following Letters, To Mr. Joseph Iriarte late Castiliano of Cavite & Gandao Ambassador from the Sultan of Mindanao. 28

To Mr. Iriarte.

Sir,

A multiplicity of Business has hitherto prevented our taking the subject of your Letter into consideration.

The Grievances Mr. Calderoon complained of not being cognizable by us, we refer'd him to those, whose Authority empowers them to determine those cases, but his representation & our resolution thereon, being already recorded, even if we were willing could not be erased, however to give you all the satisfaction in our Power, your's shall also be entered, & will stand as your Dissent.

We are

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Council.

Manilha
28th. January 1763.

To Senhor Gandao Ambassador from Mindano.

Sir,

We have received your Letter acquainting us with the motives of your coming to this Place, & desiring our leave to return to your Country.

All the Possessions of the Spaniards in the Phillipine Islands being added to the English by the Articles of the Capitulation, Agreed on between the Commander in Chief of His Brittannick Majesty's Sea & Land Forces at Manilha & Don Manual Antonio Roxo late Captn. General whenever it may be found expedient to take Possession of Samboangan or any other Settlements at Mindanao &ca. An Alliance with the King your master, may render us mutually serviceable to each other, & the desire we have to cultivate a Friendship with so great & renowned a Prince will always induce us to comply with every request you may make us, & it is in our Power to grant.

At present no opportunity offers for your returning but we hope shortly to be able to send you in a manner suitable to the Character you are invested with by your Sultan. We wish you Health & Happiness.

We are

Sir,

Your most obedt. servant

Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Council.

Manilha
27th. January 1763.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY 29TH. DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPY. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
SAMUEL JOHNSON.

Letter from the Archbishop. Read the following Letters from his Excellency the Archbishop Captn. Backhouse Commanding at Pasig, & Captains More Sanders, Weston & Meyers.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR,

Agreable to your Excellency's Letter of the 12th. of this month, The superiors of all the religious orders assembled in my Presence, & after having conferr'd about the contribution of the 4 millions promised, all declared it was impossible for them to do more than was already done, The order of St. Francis, by its Institution, never has nor manages money St. John of God upon account of the Hospital it maintains & it's great Poverty stands in need of wherewithal to help them to support it. St. Domingo gave as much towards the Contribution, as it possibly could, & is obliged to maintain its Convent College, & Beateria besides the money due to Mr. Kennedy. The Company besides the Deposit it had & exhibited gave in a large sum, & is obliged to maintain it's messioners & the schools with what little remains, & is ready to manifest all it enjoys, which can appear by the Books, & their Letters to the General of the Order which were taken in the Trinidad will make all clear. The Farms belonging to these two last orders are plundered & ruined by the Vagabonds, all the aforesaid orders gave in the Plate of their Churches, & both the Company & St. Domingo have wrote your Excellency the same they alledged in my Presence.

For these reasons I think it impossible to contribute more than has been already done by said orders, on the contrary I really think the misery they are reduced to, makes them objects of Compassion. I further add, that what was capitulated was to exhibit what existed in the pious works, & this has been already done, & the rest at the coming of the Phillipino, concerning which, repeated orders have been sent, to make good what was promised, & whatever should remain unpaid to be compleated by Bills given upon his Catholick Majesty, so I can't think of any other method than to wait the Coming of the said ship, that every thing may be settled.

I am
Your Excellencys & the Counn.
Most humble servant
MARY MANUEL *Abp. of Manilha.*

MANILHA
19TH. JANUARY 1763.

— *MANILHA, JANUARY 1763* —

To the Governor & Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen,

Since I received your Letter of the 12th. Instt. I have not been able to address you before this day. Letter from Captn. Backhouse Commanding at Pasig.

The quantity of Grain cut in the neighbourhood of Pasig is immence, at present it is all made up in stacks in the Fields, where it is customary to let it remain till fit to be trod out for which purpose they employ their Buffaloes & afterwards convey it to their several Grannarys in the Villages, after this is done, must be the proper time for the Heads of the Villages to make a return of the Quantity in each of their Districts, whilst we are able to compel them to bring it in there is not the least Danger of a scarcity, but without a force sufficient to move among them I am fully convinced we shall find the people in general very refractory & deaf to every order or summons we may send them, The moment after the Detachment was sailed for Manilha, the Villages which formerly supplied us with Provisions, stop'd every Article & have since paid little or no regard to any orders sent them on that Head, so ready are they to lay hold of every opportunity to distress us.

Mr. Johnson informed me that I have not answered a part of one of your General Letters, which regarded the state of Don Blanco at Angona I beg pardon for this omission, I really thought I had done it before.

As to your Proposal of publishing in the Neighbouring Villages of having it let to the higher Bidder, I think would be attended with bad consequences His Estate seems to be well inhabited & cultivated, when I was there, the Tenants were willing to pay the same rents as they formerly paid to Blanco, to any person you would chuse to receive it telling me that they had just made the last Payment for that year, a little before I came here, I discharged them from paying any more Rent or Taxes to any Person till they received your order what they have done since or how they are at present dispos'd I know not.

I am

Gentlemen,

Your most obedt. humble servant

Thomas Backhouse.

Pasig,
27th. January 1763.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr.
Governor &ca. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen,

Permit us to assure you that it is with the greatest Reluctance, we present you a memorial of our grievances, but at the same time when rightly considered we flatter ourselves you will grant us all the Indulgencies in your Power. Letter from the Military officers requesting an allowance of half Batta.

After the Conquest of this Place we were in hopes that the immoderate Prices then demanded for every thing would have soon abated when the Inhabitants were a little settled in their Houses, but to our great Disappointment we find every thing still continue at so exorbitant a rate, that is impossible for a Subaltern officer, or those of a superior rank to subsist—one very expensive

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Article we must beg leave to observe unto you is that of washing which alone is a fourth part of a Subaltern officers pay, add to that, servants wages which is treble to that on the Coast.

We flattered ourselves that we should have been indulged with half Batta from the 10th. of October the time the full was taken off, & we still continue in expectation that you will so far as in your Powers remove the Hardships we have & in all appearance are likely to labour under, as they entirely arise from the unsettledness & Extravagance of the Place.

We are

Sir & Gentlemen,

Your most obedt. Humble servants
RICHARD WESTON Captn. of Marines.
THOMAS MOORE Do. 79th. Regt.
JOHN HENRY MEYER H. C. S.
THOS. SAUNDERS. C. Le. Re. Artv.

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not granted. With regard to the half Batta the Military officers request, The Board cannot comply, but being throughly sensible how very insufficient the Pay of a Subaltern is for his Subsistence, Agreed that a copy of their application be transmitted to the President & Council of Madras to whose Decision it must be referr'd.

The Prince of Xolo delivers in the following letter

ILLUSTREOUS SIR,

Letter from the Price (Prince.) of Xolo. The Prince Mahamed Israel Heir to the Crown of the Kingdom of Xolo, sets forth that as he has been these 15 years in this Capital of Manilha along with his Father where his sufferings & miseries have been insupportable, & tho' I might long ago have been at my ease, my evil Fortune has been such that I have not been able to compass my Desire to go to my Kingdom but just as I was upon the point of obtaining it, in consequence of the request of the Prince Bantilian my uncle & the rest of my People as appears by the Monave Juan Dyarous having been sent for this purpose, The English squadron arrived which has occasioned my Delay hitherto, for these reasons I beg your Lordship will please to take compassion on me & grant me a Pass & likewise to my Father whose age & Poverty may find relief by my taken Possession of the Crown & I have the pleasure & Comfort of living with my Brothers, & sisters & I will give my word to perform with the greatest Fidelity all that I shall agree to & I'll for ever Pray.

(Signed) PRINCE ISRAEL.

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ordered to lay on the Table. The same reasons which induced us to defer accepting the King his Fathers offer of part of his Dominions on Xolo or Borneo, prevent our complying with his request. Agreed therefore that the Letter do lie on the table untill a convenient opportunity offers.

The Secretary acquaints the Board that the Admiral has consented to spare the Garrison a quantity of Salt Provisions, ordered that the Garrison Storekeeper do receive it, & that the Contractors do provide such a further quantity of Terked Beef as will with the above, compleat a stock for six months.

List of the Stores found in the Almareen delivered in. Mr. Henry Parsons delivers into the Board a List of sundry stores &ca. found in the Almareans at Manilla—ordered that a Copy be enclosed in the next Packet to Madras.

— *MANILHA, FEBRUARY 1763* —

The Military Storekeepers Accompts for December read & pass'd. Military Storekeepers Accounts passed.

The Secretary representing the Board the Necessity of an Interpreter to attend in the office—Agreed that he be permitted to entertain Mr. Guion in that Employ he being recommended as an honest & trustworthy man. Interpreter allowed to the Secretary.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.
J. L. SMITH.
HENRY BROOKE.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPY. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
SAMUEL JOHNSON.

FEBRUARY 8TH. 1763.

Read the following Letters from His Excellency the Archbishop, from the Superior of the Jesuits from Mr. Samuel Johnson from the King of Xolo, from the Ambassador of Mindanao & from Ensign Carty. Letter from the Archbishop desires a Ship to go to Acquapulco.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR & COUNCELLOURS

It being an Affair of so great Importance to give an exact Account to my sovereign of what has happened to this Capital & the Islands. so as both their Catholick & Britannick Majesty's may deliberate about what concerns the two Crowns, & their agreement & resolution may conduce towards procuring peace for Europe & as I have not any way to give notice & acquaint him, nor to beg some Relief for this Republick, I apply to your Excellency I beg you will please to favor me with a ship either for Acapulco or Europe, with all the securities an Affair of so serious a nature requires when you consider the Circumstances, I make no doubt but such a Principal Minister as your Excellency & your Royal Council will in the Kings name condescend to my request, your Excellency I am persuaded will with the greatest Providence, regulate the Expences & Charges & for whatever we may agree to I will give Bills upon his Catholick Majesty's Royal Treasury.

I shall be obliged to your Excellency & your royal Council for this Favour, this Application is both natural & necessary, & also dictated by the Law of Nations, & good harmony practised between polite Nations thō in war, I make the same request to the Admiral to whom I write.

I am with all respect &ca.

MANUEL *Archbishop of Manilha.*

MANILHA
18TH. JANUARY 1763.

HONOURABLE SIR & BRITISH COUNCIL

The Village of Caviteel Viejo since the day the Port has surrendered has remained in quiet & peaceable subjection, without giving the least hindrance or putting any obstacle to the Provisions which were brought from the mountains to Cavita Lapunta the 31st. of January in the morning it was attacked by a Body of English Marines, who contrary to all Laws both human & Divine, plundered, the House & Church belonging to the Jesuits, & afterwards set fire to said House, Church & the whole Village Kill'd a number of innocent people took others Prisoners, & abused the Jesuits who were sent there to teach the Christian Doctrine & administer the Sacraments. The reason the English Letter from the Superiour of the Jesuits Complaine of a Party from Cavita having burnt the Town killed several People & imprisd. the Jesuits.

give for this Rudeness & want of respect, is, that provisions were not carried to the Port, when it is notoriously known that there are no Provisions at Caviteel Viejo, but such as are brought from the mountains, & these were stopped by a body of about a thousand men of Mr. Andas, whom the people of Caviteel Viejo could not oppose, the use of Arms having been prohibited them by the English. They want to palliate their violent usage to the Fathers by saying that they neglected giving the Commndant of the Port, Advice of said Troops, as if the Jesuits contrary to the Holy Cannons were obliged to be spies to the English Nation, or to look out for Provisions for them, but if this was an omission imputed to them, how came the Indians to be punished for it, by being plundered, massacred & their Villages reduced to Ashes, & it was the Troops which Notice was not given of that hindered the Provisions from being brought in Neither did the violences of the English Commandant stop here, he still went further, & ordered that all the Fathers who were in the Villages up in the Mountains should forsake said villages & repair to Cavite, besides the Injury offered to your Lordship & your Tribunal, by usurping your Jurisdiction, I look upon such an order to be more tyrannical than if given by magencius or Dioclesian, if it issued from them it's true it would be contrary to all Laws both human & Divine, but would not be wanting in the observation of the capitulation granted by the English Nation for which reason I neither do or will obey—therefore overlooking the Injurious & outrageous Usage the Jesuits have met with which I forgive, but God well knows how to revenge, I call to your Lordship & your Council for satisfaction & reparation of all Damages, both in the Loss of what belonged to the Church, the House, & sustained by more than a thousand innocent Families, that are at present dispers'd in the Mountains without Houses or victuals, or any other cover than the sky. The English did not commit such outrages at Pasig, thō up in Arms & opposing & hindering Provisions from being carried in peace was proposed to them several times, & threatened with war as many times more, & tho they entered the Village by storm, yet they did not exercise the Cruelties committed at Cavita el Viego tho it was in peace & quiet what Horror must not this Cause to the poor Indians brought up & used to the Laws that command tho the Indians were guilty of Crimes against his Majesty & in actual Rebellion peace may be offered to them once, twice, or thrice, or as often as it may appear necessary, to procure & peace & Quietness before they should be attacked with open Force, but if your Lordship does not think proper to do justice to these miserable Families I shall be obliged to apply to the serene king of great Britain & complain of the violence & vexations that have overturned the peaceable Condition that General Draper left the Islands in.

(Signed) BERNARD PARUENGOS.

STA. CRUZ
7TH. FEBRUARY 1763.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Letter from Mr. Samuel Johnson begs leave to return to the Coast.

Althō I had some time ago your Permission to return to the Coast for the reasons I before offered, yet my Intentions were if possible to have remained here till I could have been relieved from Madras, I was indeed the more induced to this by Mr. Russells leaving Manilha so suddenly however as I find myself considerable worse since that time it will be impossible for me to remain longer than till the Departure of the squadron, which I imagine will sail in a few Days. I must beg leave to remark to you Gentlemen that it is the opinion of Mr. Gray the Surgeon this Climate is very prejudicial to a consumptive Complaint & he thinks the sea Air as it was of some of service to me in my Passage

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here, may also have the same good Effect in my return, Permit me to assure you, Gentlemen that nothing but the prospect of being reduced to the low state I was in some months ago, could possibly induce me to think of leaving you, but a matter of such consequence as this is of to me, will, I persuade myself not only appear Reasonable to you Gentlemen, but to every impartial Judge, I rely on a Confirmation of the Permission you before gave me, & am with the greatest Esteem.

Gentlemen

Your most obedient & most Humble Servant

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

MANILHA
7TH. FEBRUARY 1763.

Gentlemen, the Governor & Brittish Councellours in this City of Manilha.

Whereas there has been a firm & unalterable peace & Treaty of Commerce, settled between mine & the English Nation, in order to regulate, & clear things up, so as no Difficulties may hereafter arise that may prevent the execution of it, I beg your Lordship will please to grant me a Hearing, & appoint a Day or Days for the necessary Sessions.

Letter from the King of Xolo requests a conference.

(Signed) SULTAN OF XOLO.

MANILHA
3D. FEBRUARY 1763.

HONBLE SIR,

I received your Letter with all the respect due to it, & in answer I say that your Lordship may determine what is most agreable to you & I assure you of a proper Return, both from me & my King, who will upon all occasion keep a good understanding with his British Majesty which is due for the many favours you honor us with, I shall only observe that the season is drawing near to an end & the father it advances the more difficult will the Passage be.

Letter from the Mindanao Ambassador reminds the Board that the time proper for returning to Mindanao passes very fast.

(Signed) GANDAO.

ST. GABRIEL
29TH. JANUARY 1763.

TO THE GOVERNOR & COUNCIL OF
MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

I have had but an indifferent state of Health since my arrival here & having been ordered on the Detachment to Bulacan, the fatigue I have undergone has rendered me incapable of during my Duty, I therefore request your Permission to return to the Coast, where I hope to reestablish my Health, & thereby be enabled to execute the service my Employment demands, many other matters of a serious Nature makes me desirous of seeing Madras but my ill state of Health alone would induce me to ask such a favour, & will I flatter myself be a sufficient Inducement to you Gentlemen to comply with my Respect.

Letter from Mr. Carty desires leave to return to Madras.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedt. humble servant

CHARLES CARTY *Ensign*

MANILHA
2D. FEBRUARY 1763.

—— *MANILHA, FEBRUARY 1763* ——

The Board cannot determine any thing with regard to the Archbishops request, until they are acquainted with Admiral Cornish Resolution on that Head.

The complaints the Superior of the Jesuits makes are in some measure just, the Expedition against old Cavite was undertaken without the knowledge of the Board, much less their Concurrence, the whole fault therefore rests on Mr. Cornish, or the Officers he had appointed. Agreed that a Letter be address'd him to the above Effect and that a Copy of their Complaints be sent to the Admiral who, they cannot help observing, has not adopted the Lenitive measures he recommended to them.

Leave granted to Mr. Johnson to return to Madras.

also to Mr. Carty.

As Mr. Johnson is in a worse state of health then when he formerly obtained permission to return to the Coast, Humanity oblige us to comply with his request Agreed therefore that he be permitted to take his Passage on one of the ships of the Squadron, which will shortly proceed to Madras, Agreed also that Mr. Carty's request be complied with, & that the Secretary do acquaint him herewith.

A conference to be held with the King of Xolo.

Ordered that the Secretary do make Enquiry when it will be agreable to the King of Xolo to hold a conference with the Council agreeable to his desire.

The Governor lays before the Board the following Letters from Doctors Gray & Mawbray, & acquaints them that Mr. Norriega desires leave to go up to the Baths at the Laguna as the only means of recovering his Health or even saving his Life & that he engaged to deliver up the Goods to the amount of 60,000 Dollars as security for his returning.

To Governor & Council of Manilha.

Sir & Gentlemen,

Letter from Surgeons Gray & Mawbray representing Mr. Norriegas bad state of Health & the necessity of his proceeding to the Baths.

Some time ago I was sent for By Don Norriega to advise with concerning a Cancer he had seated in his lower Lip & Jaw.

After several applications without any Relief to the Patient I carried Mr. Mowbray Surgeon of His Majesty's ship Lenox with me to see him & finding that the Cancer spread more & more daily from his bad habit of body, We advised him to try the Effects of the Hot Baths in the Laguna as the last resource he had left to preserve his Life.

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble servants

William Gray *Surgeon.*
R. Mawbray *Surgeon.*

—— *MANILHA, FEBRUARY 1763* ——

Considering the situation Mr. Norriega is represented to be in, The Board are unanimously of opinion that Permission be granted him to proceed as soon as possible. permitted to go.

The Military Storekeepers Account for last month read & pass'd.

The following advances are ordered to be made.

To the Military Paymaster for the charges of his Employ 20,000 Dollars.

	Ds.
To the Military Storekeeper	1,000
To the Garrison Storekeeper	600

The Governor reads to the Board the Cash Accounts as entered hereafter. Cash accounts read.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.
J. L. SMITH.
HENRY BROOKE.

—— *MANILHA, FEBRUARY 1763* ——

Dr. The Honourable Companys Cash. Cr.

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To	Ballance brought from last Months Account..	1,51,969	4	—	13	1ST	By the Paymaster advanced Henry Brooke for the charges of his Employ.	15,000	..	..
							By Do. for Do.	3,552	4	0
							By Account Current London advanced Don Manuel Antonia de Roxo late Governor of Manilha for the subsistance of the Royal Spanish Officers Civil & Military for Bills on the Royal Treasury of Madrid.	5,090	0	0
							By the Paymaster advanced Henry Brooke for the Charges of his Employ.	20,000	..	..
								43,642	4	..
							By Ballance carried to next Months Account.	1,08,327	..	..
	Dollars	1,51,969	4	..			Dollars	1,51,969	4	..

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

MANILHA
31ST. JANUARY 1763.

Sent the following Letter to Major Fell, agreeable to the Minutes of Consultation.

To ROBERT EDWARD FELL ESQR.
Major Commanding H.M. 79th. Regiment.

SIR

Much Business has hitherto prevented us from acknowledging the receipt of Your Letter of the 11th. Instant.

The Allowances you mention Colonel Monson to have had on the Coast, of an aid du Camp, a Secretary & 5 Pagodas per Day we apprehend were granted him in consideration of his then commanding all his Majesty's & the Company's Troops in India, this not being your Case, sir, it is not in our power to comply with your request however willing we might be, but to convince you of the regard we pay to your application, a Copy of it shall be transmitted to the Governor & Council of Fort St. George, to whom we beg leave to refer you.

We are with Esteem Sir
Your most obedient Servant

DAWSONNE DRAKE.
Secry.

MANILHA
25TH. JANUARY 1763

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AT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY FEBRUARY 14TH 1763.

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPTY. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
SAMUEL JOHNSON.

Beetle & arrack to be rented by Contract.

The Board have hitherto deferred coming to any Resolution with regard to the publick Revenues, in hopes that the Expedition to Bulacan would in a great measure have settled the Country, The Expedition being at an end without our reaping all the expected advantages from it, The Companys cash running very low & their Expences being very considerable it would not be prudent to defer a moment longer letting out to rent the Arrack & Beetle Farms, as well as fixing the Customs to be paid on the Importation of foreign Goods, Agreed therefore that publick Notice be given that proposals will be received untill 24th. Instant for renting the said Arrack and Beetle Farms for the Term of one year, in the same manner as under the Spanish Government & that they will be let to the highest Bidder—also that on all foreign Goods imported from China &ca. after the 1st. of March shall be paid a Custom of 5 Per Cent to be collected in the same manner as at Madras.

Report of rice & paddy in the Almascen. [sic]

Captain Scott & Mr. De Souza lay before the Board, the following report of Rice Paddy in the Almareen.

Godown No. 1 ..	Rice of an indifferent Quality being 2/3. Rice & 1/3 Paddy & that old.				
	Length Feet	60			
	Breadth	23	8	Containing Cavans	6656
	Depth	11	5		
Do. No. 2 ..	Rice of the same Quality as the 1st.				
	Base Length Feet	62	..		
	Vertex Do.	26	2		
	Depth Do.	24	..	Contains Do.	9,945
	Breadth	23	8		
	Slantline	42	..		
	Fra square	2	5		
Do. No. 3 ..	Rice or rather Paddy being 2/3 Paddy 1/3 Rice.				
	Length	21	7		
	Breadth	23	5	Contains cavans	1410
	Depth	7	3		
Do. No. 4 ..	Paddy of a tolerable good Quality.				18011
	Length	62	..		
	Breadth	23	..		
	Depth	10	..		
	Slant line	27	5		

A Cavan of 25 Gantas measures Cubic Feet 2—64 All the Rice one with the other @ 4 Rls. ℔ Cavan Paddy @ 2½ Rs. ℔ Cavan.

Conditions on which the Board consent to take the whole.

The Captors debit the Company for 13,500 Cavs. of Rice a 5 Ryals ℔ Cavan, 5500 Cavan paddy @ 3 Ryls. ℔ Cavs. The quantity is large, & the sum it amounts to, no less than 10,490 Dollars, yet considering the precariousness of our situation, the necessity of our laying in a stock for the Garrisons & Inhabitants of Manilha & Cavite, & providing for the Chinese in the Parian, who are upwards of 7,000 it seems adviseable to accept the whole the Captors will take Bills for the money, after laying in a certain quantity or as fresh may be procured, the old may be disposed of to Profit, Agreed therefore, that the Secretary do acquaint the Agent, that if they will dispose of the whole at the above valuation of 4 Ryals ℔ Cavan for the Rice & 2½ Ryls. for the Paddy they will give directions to the Garrison Storekeeper to receive the same.

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List of Naval stores delivered in by Mr. Parry.

Mr. Parry the Agent for the Captors, delivers in to the Board a List of Naval Stores &ca. at the Almareen, As Captain Scott is conversant in these matters Agreed that he be desired to examine it, as well as the account which Mr. Parry has promised to deliver of those at Cavita, & report accordingly to the Board.

Also to survey the Galley half Galleys &ca.

Agreed also that he be desired to survey the Galleys, half Galleys &ca. & after valuing them make a Report thereof to the Board.

Armenians offer 30 or 40,000 Dollrs. for Bills of Exge. on the Presidency.

The Armenians of this Place offer to the Board the sum of 40,000 Dollars for Bills on the President & Council of Madras @ the rate of 15½ Dollars ℔ 10 Pags. The Instructions from the Presidency, admit only of taking up money @ 16 Dollars ℔ 10 Pags. but then it was generally supposed that a considerable quantity of specie would have been taken in the Place, this is not having been the Case, the Company's Cash being almost expended, & the Terms now offered to the Board, more reasonable than any that have yet been made, resolved that Bills be accordingly granted them payable @ 60 Days sight.

Purport of a Letter to the Captain of Taguey.

A Present to be made him.

Captn. Backhouse in a Letter of the 11th. Instant having represented to the Governor & Council in their Military Department that the Captain of Tagey has been of great service to him in sending 500 men to assist in clearing the Bar of the River at that Place, where the Malcontents had sunk two Champans filled with large stores, & which with their Assistance he had effected. Agreed that a Letter be addressed to him to assure him of our Friendship & Protection, & that a gold Headed Cane be presented to him as an acknowledgement for his service.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.
J. L. SMITH.
HENRY BROOKE.

Arrived his Majesty's Ships the Argo Captain King & the Seaford Captain Peighin, from the Embocadera, where they had been to seek the Phillipino Galleon.

Arrived also the Hon'ble Company's Ships Essex Captain Jackson & Albion Captain Larkings from Canton.

Came in a China Champan from Chincua.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY FEBRUARY 21ST. 1763.

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
SAMUEL JOHNSON.

Letter from the Super Cargoes at Canton Ossterly not arrived

Read the following Letter received by Captain Jackson from the Super Cargoes of Council at Canton.

— *MANILHA, FEBRUARY 1763* —

To Dawsonne Drake Esq^{R}. Provis^{L}. Depty. Gov^{R}.
&c^{A}. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen

We had the pleasure of receiving your favor by Captain Jackson who arrived here the 19th. of November & congratulate you on the Company's successor the Acquisition of the Settlement of Manilha & its Dependencies.

The Ossterly parted Company with the Essex, a few Days after they left your Port, & we have heard nothing of her since.

We have informed the Chinese of the benevolent treatment their Countrymen met with when the place was taken, & assured them that their Junks from Arnoy, or any other Ports in China will have all possible encouragement in their Trade to Manilha, & find many advantages they were Strangers to, while it was in possession of the Spaniards.

Elizabeth Indiaman burnt.

In consequence of the last Paragraph of your Letter, We gave the Captains of our first Fleet Directions to make Poolo Timoan & Poolo Aura, in order to join the Elizabeth & Weymouth, they were dispatched the 1st. Instant but did not pass Macao till the 10th. They were detained two Day's by the loss of the Elizabeth she was burnt near the Island of Linting, by which unfortunate Accident Captain Stewart, M^{r}. Eyre 2^{d}. Mate & 33 others were lost.

We now dispatch the Essex & Albion to Manilha in hopes they will arrive there time enough to take the Benefit of the Admirals Convoy, by these ships we have consigned to you in one General Invoice 104 Bales of Coast Goods, that were brought here in the Royal Captain designed for Soolo.

The Albion will have the Bales marked LCO N^{o}. 1 @ 51, one Bale of Musters N^{o}. 104 & a small Bale of Lace N^{o}. 103. The rest will be put on Board the Essex.

request remittance of Cash.

The situation of the Company's affairs here, make it necessary for us to take this opportunity of acquainting you that now the ships for the year are loaded, we have not remaining in the Treasury above 20,000 Tales whereas we ought to have at least 600,000 Tales very early in the year in order to make the Investment for the ships of the next season turn out advantageous to the Company, as therefore their success greatly depends on early & large remittances from you. We desire you would send what supplies can be spared, as soon as possible, the Run from Manilha to the Port is very short, if you have not a ship to send smaller vessels we imagine would bring the Treasure with great safety, should any private Persons have occasion to remit money to England you may acquaint them, that if they chuse to send it here, & pay it into the Company's Cash we are empowered as far as £ 100,000 to give Bills on the Court of Directors, payable @ 180 Days sight, with the liberty of paying such Bills twelve months from the time of acceptance, allowing Interest after the rate of 4 ℔ Cent ℔ annum, at the expiration of the 180 Days, valuing each new milled Dollar at 5/6^{d}. sterling.

We wish you success in your new Settlement & are

Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servants

Thomas Fitzhugh.
Samuel Blount.
Nath^{l}. Garland.
Alex^{r}. Hume.
Benj^{n}. Torin.
Thomas Smith.
W^{m}. Rous.

— *MANILHA, FEBRUARY 1763* —

P.S.—If any of his Majesty's Captains being at Manilha, should in future acquaint you with the Rendezvous, they design for the safety of our Homeward bound China ships, we desire you will be so good, to direct any Advices of that sort to the Secret Committee at Canton for the time being, & likewise prevent if possible, the accounts being sent by private Letters.

Plate to be returned to them.

The state of the Companys Cash here will not admit of large Remittances unless the Phillipina should still arrive or large sums be paid in for Bills on the Court of Directors or the Presidency in such case we will not fail to spare them all we possibly can, & at all Events the Plate received in the Company's share of the Contribution money shall be forwarded by the first opportunity.

The Company's Sloop, Pasig to proceed to Xolo.

The Company's Sloop Pasig was intended to have carried Advices to Madras, but her long Detention on the Bulecan Expedition rendered it so late that it was thought unnecessary as the squadron is expected to sail shortly, Agreed that she be sent to Xolo, that she do take on board all the Bales received from China, consigned to Mr. Alexander Dalrymple.

Mr. Dalrymple to proceed to Xolo with the Company's Bales under his Charge.

Mr. William Dalrymple offers to the Board to proceed to Xolo, with the Company's Bales, under his Charge & in case of the absence of Messrs. Alexander Dalrymple & Thomas Kelsal, to dispose of them, & draw the same Commission they were to have received or if they are at present, he will give it up entirely to them; This offer appearing reasonable Agreed that it be accepted.

Conference to be held with the King of Xolo.

The Sloop's proceeding to Xolo will perhaps be the only opportunity we shall have of sending the King of Xolo to his Country, Resolved that a Conference be held with him tomorrow, to acquaint him with our Intentions.

Sloop to proceed to Mindarao also Conference to be held with the ambassador from them.

Resolved also that the Sloop after carrying the King to Xolo, proceed to Mindanao & that a Conference be held likewise with the Ambassador from that Place that he may take his Passage on her.

Purport of a Letter to Mr. Dalrymple at Xolo.

Agreed that a Letter be wrote to Mr. Alexander Dalrymple, to acquaint him with the situation of the Company's affairs, here, & in China, & particularly to recommend to him, to return the Sloop immediately hither where his services are always wanted.

Mr. Smith delivers into the Board the following Letter.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr. Governor
&ca. Council of Manilha.

Letter from Mr. Smith.

Gentlemen

You are sensible I some time ago represented to you the indifferent state of my Health, & therefore requested your Leave to return to the Coast by the first opportunity in order to proceed to Europe in case it did not mend, which you are so good to acquiesce in but Mr. Russells acute Disorder obliging him suddenly to leave this place, & Mr. Johnson having since obtained your leave to return to Madras on account likewise of his health, occasioned me to withdraw my application to you fearing my absence as Mr. Brooke would be the only Gentlemen in the Council left, might Distress the Honble Company's Affairs in the present situation of things, waving therefore all private Consideration however interesting, I have prevailed on myself on this motive solely, to stay till I can be relieved, hoping that you will do me the favor to set forth in the General Letter to the Governor & Council of Madras my request to be relieved by the first ship that may be sent here, so that I may get away before the rainy

desires leave to request to be relieved from the Presidency.

season sets in, which I am apprehensive will be still more prejudicial to my health, I flatter myself they will not refuse me so reasonable a request if seconded with your Concurrence & favourable representation which I most earnestly request you will grant me which will be acknowledged as a particular obligation confer'd on.

Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servant

J. L. SMITH.

MANILHA
20TH. FEBRUARY 1763.

The Board are throughly persuaded that nothing but a bad state of Health could have induced Mr. Smith to desire leave to return to Madras, & that his zeal only for the Honble Company's service would have afterwards made him alter his former Resolution, Agreed therefore that the President & Council of Madras be desired to relieve him by the first ship to this Place, that he may get away before the rainy season sets in agreeable to his request.

his Application to be recommended to Madras.

The Commander of the Company's ship, offering to sell two Boats, which may be of great service in getting up the River, or in going from Place to Place in the Lake &ca. Agreed that they be purchased for those purposes.

2 Boats purchased of the Commander of the Company's ships.

Read the following Petitions from Mr. Placido Pegolitte.

Petition of Placido Pigolitte.

HONOURABLE SIR & BRITTISH COUNCELLOURS

DON PLACIDO PEGOLITTE &CA. Inhabitant & Trader says, that understanding how his Excellency Adml. Cornish intended to seize upon his ship & Cargo, for what reasons he is quite ignorant of, he immediately repaired to Cavite to Claim said ship & Cargo, laying before the Admiral the right he had to them but since his reasons were not sufficient to convince him, nor could get justice done him, seeing his Excellency insisted upon keeping the ship & Cargo, I immediately presented him a Petition which the annexed Paper is a Copy of & he gave no answer to, & notwithstanding the many arguments & reasons sufficient to prove my right I can't help applying to your Lordships, and your Council begging your Protection, & that with your power and authority you may vouchsafe to defend my right; & free me from the great Losses I must be at should the Admirals Resolution be put in execution. He pretends since the Spaniards have not paid the money of the Phillipino, that my ship & Cargo must be responsible for part of it, but does not consider it was in no shape Guaranteed nor bound for the Payment of the four millions, & as it is notorious that said Cargo belongs to the merchants of Batavia it cannot be looked upon nor comprehended in the Class of Effects responsible to the Military Law—the more that the principal object of the Capitulation relate to Spanish Effects alone for which reason the merchandize of the Chinamen have not been made lyable to, or responsible for the performance of said Capitulation, neither that of the Mistere nor Indians I beg once more you'll be pleased to interpose your authority with the Admiral so as my ship & Cargo may be returned to me, I shall for ever Pray.

(Signed) PLACIDO PIGOLITTE.

— *MANILHA, FEBRUARY 1763* —

Purport of a letter to him.

The Board cannot take Cognizance of the above affair, Agreed therefore that a Letter be wrote in answer to refer him to the Admiral. The President representing to the Board that Mr. Smith Gunner at Cavite has had under his charge all the Military Stores belonging to the Company at that place, & that his allowances for that service are but scanty, agreed that a present of Dollars 40 be made him, in consideration of his care & Diligence.

A very atrocious murder having lately been committed on the Body of a servant of Captain Parkers & one of the Persons concerned therein being apprehended ordered that he be hung in Chains near the Place where the said murder was committed as a publick Example, & to deter other from following into like Crimes.

As the Squadron will sail, about the end of the month, ordered that a General Letter be prepared.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.
J. L. SMITH.
HENRY BROOKE.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23D.

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPTY. GOVR. PRESt.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
SAMUEL JOHNSON.

The Ambassador from Paquimaslana Sultan of Mindanao, attends the Board agreeable to the Notice he had received.

Conference with the Mindanao ambassador.

He acquaints them with his desire of returning to the Sultan his master, that he came here to treat with the Spaniards about a Peace, but that affairs being now in such a different situation he doubts not but the Sultan would with pleasure enter into an alliance with us, & that he is persuaded he would assist us in driving the Spaniards off the Island or grant us any other part for settlement but that not having any power to treat with the English, he could only assure them of his readiness to charge himself with a letter or proposals from them, & of his Desire of negotiating such an alliance. As this is all that can be expected from him in the present case, the Governor acquaint him that he purposes in a few Days returning him on the Sloop, with a letter, & a present to his master, & desires him to prepare himself accordingly.

Ordered that a Letter be prepared in Consequence.

Champan to be prepared to sail with the Sloop.

As the sloop will be too small to carry the Attendants &ca. & the Mindanao Ambassador, agreed that a Champan be hired for that purpose.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.
J. L. SMITH.
HENRY BROOKE.

— *MANILHA, FEBRUARY 1763* —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPTY. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
SAMUEL JOHNSON.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24TH 1763.

The King & Prince of Xolo, with the Ambassador, attend the Council Agreeable to the Notice given them.

King, Prince and Ambassador from Xolo attend the Board.

The King acquaints the Board, that some time since an ambassador arrived with a Letter from his Brother the usurper, & the Nobles at Xolo, inviting him or son Prince Israel to come to take possession of the Kingdom, which he lays before the Board, & that if they will permit him with a conveyance he proposes immediately returning thither.

He offers to cede to the Honble Company such part of his own Dominions on Xolo or Borneo, as they may chuse to erect Forts or Factories upon for the security of their Trade, to confirm the Treaty of Commerce between Mr. Dalrymple & the Present Prince, to give the English the exclusive Priviledge of trading free of all Customs, & to enter into an alliance offensive and Defensive for the mutual protection of their Possessions.

As these Proposals cannot interfere with, but rather confirm Mr. Dalrymple's Plan, The Board accept them with pleasure, but as affairs may not take so favourable a turn, as they expected, they recommend to him first to send his son Prince Israel, & when every thing is completed, they will send a vessel to carry him thither likewise. This being agreeable to the king, agreed that the sloop be prepared for the reception of Prince Israel & that the utmost respect be paid to his Father during the Time he may remain here.

Ordered that Article of an Alliance offensive & defensive be immediately prepared.

Received the following letter from Mr. Henry Brooke a copy of which to be transmitted to the Presidency. 28TH.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQRE.
GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

Gentlemen,

In my former application to you, you appeared fully convinced that the situation of my Affairs on the Coast required my return thither and that my absence from thence, must unavoidably draw down upon me the most ruinous consequences. I therefore intreat the favour of you to grant me the liberty to send the enclosed letter to the Presidency of Fort St. George to obtain permission to return thither.

I am
Gentlemen,
with perfect respect
Your most obedient humble Servant

HENRY BROOKE.

MANILHA
28TH. FEBRUARY 1763.

— *MANILHA, MARCH 1763* —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MARCH 1ST. DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQRE. DEPY. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
SAMUEL JOHNSON.

General Letters to the Honorable Court of Directors and Presidency of Fort St. George read and signed.

Ordered that the packets be closed that for Europe delivered to Captain Jackson and that for Madras to Mr. Johnson who proceeds on the Squadron.

MARCH 2D. Sailed his Majesty's ships, the Norfolk, Grafton Lenox America, Panther and Argo Frigate with the Honorable Company's ships Essex and Albion under convoy.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRIDAY MARCH 4TH. DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQRE. DEPTY. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
SAMUEL JOHNSON.

Mr. Sprat's proposals for renting arrack farm.

The following proposals are laid before the Board for renting the arrack and beetle farms.

Gentlemen

I purpose to offer the sum of 8,000 Spanish Dollars a year for renting the farm of the coco Wine, and will pay it monthly if required, if this proposal be agreed upon, I hope the Governor and Council will be so kind as to allow me to live, or make use of the house in Sta. Cruz where Don Francisco Salgada liv'd whilst he had the said employment upon account of the conveniences of loading and unloading the Champans and other boats, that brings the Coco wine from different parts.

I am

Gentlemen

Your most obedt. & very humble Servant

JOHN SPRAT.

MANILHA
28TH. FEBRUARY 1763.

2D. Proposal of Miguel Onquirsong.

Miguel Onquirsong for renting arrack and beetle farms.

That on the 22d. Instant he gave in his first proposal for the farm of Arrack and Buyo, but considering the great expence that the Honorable Company has in this place he thought proper to offer for a year 2,500 Dollars more besides the sum of 14,000 Dollars mentioned in his first proposal; which both sums amount to sixteen thousand and five hundred Dollars yearly; in consideration of which sum the conditions of the said farm to be as usual.

Signed in Chinese Characters.

MANILHA
23D. FEBRUARY 1763

—— *MANILHA, MARCH 1763* ——

Proposals of Miguel Onquisong for the farm of Arrack and Buyo.

That is to say he will give to the Honorable Company 14,000 Spanish Dollars for a year and he to have the same priviledge as the farmers of this 2 articles had in the time of the Spaniards, the money to be paid into the Company's treasury every month beforehand as it should compound, for which payment security shall be given.

The latter being the highest and no other person making any offers for the beetle agreed that this be accepted and that Cowles with proper restrictions be immediately prepared. accepted.

MANILHA
22NO. FEBRUARY 1763.

Read the following proposals for victualling the sick and wounded in the Hospital. Proposals for victualling the sick in the Hospital.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

WORSHIPFUL SIR & SIRS,

Agreeable to the publick advertisement I present these my proposals for victualling the sick and wounded in the Hospital for 12 months.

Vizt. to allow each man per day three ounces of Sugar ten of beef one measure of rice a Loaf with salt, greens, wood, oil & potts that are necessary at 1 real 4 barels per head inclusive of extraordinary expences attending the contract. I am with great obligation and esteem

Worshipful Sir & Sirs
MANILHA Your most obedient & most humble Servant
27TH. FEBRUARY 1763. N. STENT.

The Board defer coming to any resolution on the above until they have inquired into the reasonableness of the terms proposed. The Board defer accepting them.

Mr. Smith lays before the Board the impress and charges of the Sloop Pasig which are ordered to be paid. Impress of Sloop Pasig.

In consideration of the great share of business that fall to Mr. Wogans' share as Translator and to secure to us his fidelity as papers of the utmost consequence must often be entrusted to him, resolved that a salary of 600 Dollars per annum be allowed him he having no other emolument to expect. Mr. Wogan the Translator's salary settled at 600 Dollars per annum.

Captain Flint having with much trouble and some expence collected the horses belonging to the Troop of Seapoys agreed that a present of 200 Dollars be made to him. a gratuity of 200 Dollars made to Captn. Flint.

The Governor lays before the Board the Cash accounts for February as entered hereafter. Cash Account for February read.

(Signed) DAWSONNE DRAKE.
(,,) J. L. SMITH.
(,,) HENRY BROOKE.

The Honorable Company's Cash.

Dr.

		Dollars.	R.	B.
1763 February 19.	..To balance brought from last months account	1,08,327	—	—
	To the Capture of Manilha received in specie & in plate on account of the Honble Company's share of the second dividend vizt.			
	In specie ..	23,853	6	2
	In plate ..	7,000	—	—
		30,853	6	2
	To Account Current Fort Saint George drawn on the Honorable the President & Council bills in favor of the following persons vizt.			
	Gregory Migell for— Exchange at 15½ Ds. 10 ps. ..	13,686	4	—
	Migell Bagtan for Do. ..	4,550	—	—
	Calastan & Baldarar Do. ..	13,330	—	—
	Hagavallee Satoor Do.	1,550	—	—
	Johannes Nazareth Do.	9,000	—	—
	Johannes Jacob Do.	1,000	—	—
	Johannes Cacheek Do.	1,000	—	—
	Capt. George Scott Do.	2,000	—	—
	Mr. Francis Jourdan Do.	2,015	—	—
		57,131	4	—

Cr.

		Dollars.	R.	B.
1763 February 6.	By account Current London advanced Don Manuel Antonio De Roxo late Govr. of Manilha for the subsistance of the Royal Spanish officers Civil and Military for bills on the Royal Treasury of Madrid	5,090	—	—
11	By the Military Storekeeper advanced Henry Parsons for the charges of his employ	1,000	—	—
	By the Garrison Storekeeper advanced Mr. Henry Parsons for the charges of his employ	600	—	—
	By the paymaster advanced Henry Brooke for the charges of his employ ..	5,000	—	—
25	By the paymaster advanced Mr. Henry Brooke for the charges of his employ ..	20,000	—	—
	By the sloop Pasig paid for to the superior of the order of the Jesuits ..	3,000	—	—
		34,690	—	—
	By Ballance carried to next month's account	1,68,222	2	2

— *MANILHA, MARCH 1763* —

To Account Current London drawn on the Honorable the Court of Directors in favour of the following viz^{t}.

	Dollars.	R.	B.
Capt. William Larkins for	4,600	—	—
Mr. Hepburn for	1,200	—	—
Mr. James Anderson.	800	—	—
	6,600	—	—
Dollars ..	2,02,912	2	2

Dollars .. 2,02,912 2 2

MANILHA THE 28TH. FEBRUARY 1763.

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

— *MANILHA, MARCH 1763* —

AT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY 7TH. 1763

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPY. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

Read the following Letter from the Archbishop and the superior of the Jesuits.

Most Excellent Sir,

Letter from the Archbishop on the subject of the Fryers taken at Polo complains of Franciscan being wounded by a seapoy at Dilao.

I am informed there were brought prisoners from Polo to this City, four fathers, three of them Franciscans and one Augustinian; I am persuaded they are good religious men, and that they have endeavoured to keep that village in peace and quietness, and if they received one or other person in their convent I judge it was by way of Hospitality, and not with any evil intention and I am persuaded as soon as your Excellency and the Councellours examine this affairs you'l be convinced of their integrity and will order them to be set at liberty and restore them their honor.

I don't expect less from your Excellency and the Councillours in regard to the Sepoy who wounded yesterday as I am informed, a Franciscan Friar in the village of Dilao, and don't doubt but you'l order him an exemplary punishment.

Some days ago I sent a complaint to your Excellency by Mr. Faillet, of the officer who came to call me to account, his name is Mr. John Bours, and I still consider my person exposed to such impudent proceedings as the said officer does not ceaze molesting the College where the women lives, I beg your Excellency and the Council may put the most speedy and prudent remedy to this Affair &ca.

(Signed) MANUEL ANTONIO
Abp. of Manilha

MANILHA
MARCH 3D. 1763.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR.

I just received your message relating to the officer who kill'd at Sanpalo, I send my provisor to the Friar, and the others that he may examine them so as to find out the truth; much patience and prudence is necessary upon these occasions, and clear proofs before chastisement is ordered, all these virtues I hope and make no doubt your Excellency will exercise, and likewise the Councellours.

(SIGNED) MANUEL ANTONIO
Abp. of Manilha.

MANILHA
MARCH 6TH. 1763.

—— *MANILHA, MARCH 1763* ——

HONORABLE SIR & JUDGES,

I should not have the courage to request of your Lordship's the liberty of the Franciscan friars much less should I be so bold as to put you in mind of the promise to set them free. If I were not certain and throughly persuaded that they are innocent and that every thing they have done is contained within the limits they profess, and are obliged too, as Clergymen and the undeniable immunity of protection as this is a local priviledge; it would be a great crime in an ecclesiastick to refuse it. Let it not therefore be said that your Lordships and the rest of the judges have punished Clergymen and religious people for having exactly complyed with what their religious profession obliges them too, and for this reason I expect from your Clemency and that of the judges that you'l grant them their liberty in consideration of this my humble request &ca.

Letter from Padre Pazu ergoo on the same subject.

(Signed) BERNARDO PAZAENGO.

STA. CRUZ
9TH. MARCH 1763.

The Fryars taken at Polo and Tombobong having acted inconsistently with their transactions, and endeavoured to persuade the people to join Mr. Anda, have forfeited all right to the indulgencies granted to them by the capitulation, or usually allowed to Ecclesiastick and can of course expect no other treatment than that of prisoners of war. Agreed that letters to the above effect be addressed to the Archbishop and Padre Pazaengo, acquainting the former also that care shall be taken that the officer of whom he complains shall make him a proper acknowledgement, and not give him any trouble in future.

Purport of a Letter in answer.

With regard to the seapoy accused of wounding a Fryar at Dilao Ordered that inquiry be made concerning it and that the person if found guilty be severely punished.

Sepoy if discovered be severely punished.

As many of the Padres of the Adjacent villages that have submitted to us, have not yet taken the oaths of Allegiance to his Majesty, Ordered that proper notice be immediately given for their appearance at Manilha the 15th. Instant for that purpose.

Padres of the neighbouring villages to take the oath of allegiance the 15th.

The Military and Garrison Storekeeper presents his accounts for last month which are read and passed.

Garrison and military storekeepers Accounts passed.

The Deputy Paymaster of Cavita sends in his accounts for last month which are also according read and passed.

Cavita Accounts passed.

The Garrison Storekeeper acquainting the Board that a Chinese has offered to take 1000 Cavans of paddy at 3 ryals per cavan agreed that he be directed to sell off that quantity.

1000 cavans of paddy to be sold off.

The number of workmen employed on the Galleye at Cavita rendering it necessary to have a Company's servant to check the great expences daily incurred. Resolved that Mr. John Nodes be directed immediately to proceed thither and that Mr. Richard Fyfe do succeed him in the employ of paymaster at Pasing.

Mr. Nodes to pay the Garrison &ca. at Cavita

Mr. Fyfe at Pasing in his room.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Lindsay.

— *MANILHA, MARCH 1763* —

TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Letter from Mr. Lindsay requesting an allowance as Surgeon.

The Commandant of this place, having applyed to me to take care of the sick belonging to this Garrison I have consented to do it, but as I am an entire stranger to any contract of the kind I beg you will please to let me know what allowance is usual in these cases.

I am

Gentlemen

Your most obed^{t}. humble servant

PETER LINDSAY.
Sur. of the Tolmour.

Comply'd with Hospital at Cavita to be on the same footing as here.

The hospital must undoubtedly be on the same footing as at Manilha agreed therefore that the same allowance be made to him as to the assistant surgeon here.

Signed Commissions to the officers of the following villages which have submitted agreeable to their former customs as per book of Cowles, viz^{t}. S^{ta}. Cruz Binondo Tondo, S^{t}. Sebastian, Quiapo S^{t}. Paublo, Pazai, Anlipolo, Pandacar S^{t}. Anno, Fatai, S^{t}. Juan delmonte, Marakuna, Pasig, Tagey, Tombobobong and Guardeloupe.

(Signed) DAWSONNE DRAKE.
,, J. L. SMITH.
,, HENRY BROOKE.

8TH Signed the following instructions to M^{r}. John Nodes paymaster at Cavita, and M^{r}. Fyfe at Pasig.

To M^{R}. JOHN NODES

SIR,

We have appointed you to proceed, to Cavita in quality of Paymaster to that Garrison.

You are to muster, the whole Garrison, military, Artillery, and Seapoys, also the Lascars, Artificers in short every man that receives pay from the Company, monthly, or oftener if you see necessary in presence of the Commandant of the Garrison or other person by him deputed, according to which muster roll you are to issue the pay.

The subsistence of the Military and Artillery is to be issued to the Commandant, but all others who receive Pay from the Company, are to be paid every man with your own hand after having been regularly mustered in the manner beforementioned.

The rolls and accounts of pay of the officers and soldiers you are to transmit monthly to the paymaster at Manilha, with the account of batta and all other charges of the Garrison.

You are immediately to make a survey of all the stores of the Garrison both Civil and Military which in future are to be under your charge. The Commanding Officer is to indent from time to time for what he may want for the use

of the Garrison and if at any time you should not have sufficient to supply his demands, you are to indent for them from hence you are also to supply the Engineer with all such materials as he may want for the works, which you are to provide at the cheapest rate possible, and you are to keep a regular account of such expences and to transmit us monthly an account of receipts, issues and remains of stores of all kinds.

You are 4 times every day to muster all the artificers, coolies, &ca. daily employed by the Company, and to keep 4 peons, (or more if necessary) to prevent the people from neglecting their work.

You are to receive timber and such other naval stores as may be wanted for the repairing or finishing the vessels from the agent for the captors, accounts of which particularising the quantity expended on every one, are to be sent in, at least once every month.

Each of the Galleys will be a Head in the Companys books, of course you are to make separate and distinct accounts of the several disbursements made on them.

You are to have 6 rupees per day from the time you leave Manilha, in lieu of all expences whatever.

The charges of the Garrison and marine Yard at Cavita becoming very heavy, we recommend to you the utmost economy and are

SIR,

Your affectionate Friends,

DAWSONNE DRAKE &CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
8TH. MARCH 1763.

P.S.

All orders you may receive relative to the employ are to be entered in a book which you are to leave to your successor.

To MR. RICHARD FYFE

SIR

We have appointed you Paymaster to the Detachment at Pasig and in consideration of all expences whatever you are to be allowed 6 rupees per day.

On application Mr. Nodes who is removed to Cavite has our directions to deliver you the necessary papers for your Guidance.

We are sir Your affectionate Friends
DAWSONNE DRAKE &CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
8TH. MARCH 1763.

Sent the following Letter to the Archbishop.

— *MANILHA, MARCH 1763* —

To Don Manuel Antonio Roxo,
Archbishop of Manilha.

Illustrious Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 3d. Instant.

The Fryars taken at Polo and Tombobong, we have examined and are much concerned to acquaint you, that we have found their conduct quite incompatible with the Ecclesiastick function and such as will unavoidably oblige us to send them off the Island to prevent their giving further assistance to the malecontents.

The Officer of whom you complain has been sent for by the Governor, he declares he neither intended or is conscious of having offended you, and if you will acquaint him wherein he has ever been deficient in the respect due to your distinguished character he is ready to make any acknowledgement that may be required of him, he likewise promises not to give any further reason for complaint.

With regard to the seapoy whom you accuse of wounding a Franciscan Fryer, at Dilao, as we have not had the least information of it, we can only assure you, that when the person shall be pointed out to us, and the fact proved he will be severely punished.

We have the honor to be with great esteem

Illustrious Sir,
Your most obedt. humble Servants,
Dawsonne Drake &ca. Council.

Manilha
11th. March 1763.

At a Consultation

Present

Friday 11th. Dawsonne Drake Esqre. Depy. Governor President.
John Lewin Smith. Henry Brooke.

Read the following letter from the Archbishop.

Most Excellent Sir,

Letter from the Archbishop. The Information I received that Don Joseph Eslava and Don Pedro Gallaraga are innocent, has given me much comfort. The first is sickly and a married man, the second since he was forced from this place, did not take arms, which obliges me to take a request in the most efficacious manner that they may not be sent to the Coast upon account of the great prejudice it will be of to them should they be sent away.

I likewise hope and believe that the Friers are innocent, and the great want of them in the villages to instruct the indians and keep them quiet, makes me wish they may be set at liberty which I shall be extreemly thankful for.

I have been positively informed that Mr. Barnewall is upon his departure for the Coast in his ship and am much surprised he neither had the civility nor respect to acquaint me of it, tho' we had signed an agreement about his carrying in said ship my packets to new Spain, I can't do less than complain of this way of acting.

Manuel Antonio
Archbishop de Manilha.

Manilha
11th. March 1763.

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The Governor acquaints the Board that he has been informed that Captain Brereton's instructions direct him to proceed in quest of the Phillipina Galloon, and that he purposes taking with him the Seaford Frigate In such case, there will be a great risque, of having the communication with Cavita, the Islands &ca. cut off, and being reduced to the same disagreeable situations as thó the Admiral had left a naval force behind him—Resolved therefore that a Letter be addressed to him representing that a large force is collecting at Bulacan and Pampango with the design (as reported) of coming down to Manilha, and that other secret advices lately obtained give great room to suspect that the malecontents are forming treacherous schemes to surprize the town so that unless the frigate remains behind him, to keep the Bay in awe, the situation of affairs will be extremely precarious, and consequently requesting him to leave her for that service and if absolutely necessary, in her room, the Company's Sloop Pasig shall attend him.

Captain Brereton directed to sail in quest of the Phillipina.

Letter to him in consequence.

The estates lately belonging to the Augustine Fryers & confiscated to the Company having been several times offered to different persons to rent, and no one willing to take charge of them, on reasonable terms, agreed that for the present, they be entrusted to the care of the Revd. Father John de la Puga &ca. Brother Hospitalarians of St. Juan of God, and that in consideration of their faithfully collecting and accounting for the same they be allowed one fourth of the revenues. The Board are the rather induced to this step as it appears to be the only method to prevent the entire ruin of these estates and whenever the Country is settled they may be offered to rent on more advantageous conditions.

Augustine Estates to be put under the care of the brother of St. Juan de Deos.

As much business prevents the Board from examining the charges of the settlement with the attention it requires, agreed that Messrs. Henry Parsons, Richard Fyfe and Quintin Craufurd do every week, or as often as is necessary sit as a Committee for that purpose.

Messrs. Hy. Parsons Richd. Fyfe and Craufurd appointed as Committee of Accounts.

The Paymaster lays before the Board a bill for sundry expences incurred by Captain Backhouse in his different expeditions which is ordered to be paid —also another from Captn. Jeremiah Sleigh while on the expedition to Bulacan for secret services &ca. amounting to 287 Dollars, ordered that it be likewise paid.

Capt. Backhouse's bill for his expences during his expedition and also Captain Sleigh and

Mr. Povery tenders to the Board a bill for pay and batta as Aid de Camp to the officer commanding the detachment lately sent out to Polo, he understanding the Spanish language is very useful on these occasions and the amount being trifling, agreed that it be paid.

Mr. Povery laid before the Board ordered to be paid.

The Paymaster representing to the Board that he has occasion for a supply of money to defray the charges of his employ, ordered that 20,000 Dollars be accordingly issued to him.

20,000 Dollars advanced to the Paymaster.

Captain Scott of the Saubutjung being under dispatch, for Batavia, gives an opportunity of again addressing the Presidency Resolved therefore that a General Letter be accordingly prepared, as also one for the Resident at Batavia.

(Signed) DAWSONNE DRAKE.
J. L. SMITH.
HENRY BROOKE.

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15th. Dispatched a Letter to Captain Brereton as follows.

To William Brereton Esqr.,
Commanding His Majestys ships at Cavita.

Sir,

Being informed that your instructions direct you to proceed in company with the Seaford Frigate in quest of the Phillipina Galleon, it is incumbent on us to represent to you that a very considerable body of Indians are now assembling at Bulacan (with an intention as is reported to come down to Manilha) and that by Letters we have intercepted from the Ovidore Villa corta to Anda, and other secret advices we have received, we are persuaded that the malecontents have formed treacherous designs for surprizing this place and the Town of Cavite, which althó they should not be able to effect yet our situation after your departure will be extremely precarious, unless a ship of force be left to keep the Bay in awe, that in case your immediate return should by any accident be retarded, we may provide ourselves with provisions &ca. from the adjacent Islands, keep open the communication with and protect Cavita, receive advices from Madras, in consequence we therefore request you will spare the frigate for that purpose and in her room if it is necessary that a vessel should attend you, the Company's Sloop Pasig is already prepared, and shall accordingly be put under your orders for that service.

Fourteen men of the French Companies not having been embarked with the rest on the squadron, 2 of whom have since deserted, we beg the favor of you for the good of the service and to prevent the whole from following their example to order them to be received on board the ships under your Command, and to be replaced by such a number of marines as you can spare to assist in the Defence of the Garrison which you must be sensible will thereby be reduced very weak.

We are

Sir

Your most obedient Humble servants

Dawsonne Drake &ca. Counl.

Manilha
March 15, 1763.

Thursday March 15, 1763.

At a Consultation

Present

Dawsonne Drake Esqr. Deputy Govr. President.
John Lewin Smith. Henry Brooke.

Read the following Letters from the Superior of the Franciscan Fryers to the Governor

Hõble Sir,

Letter from Father Luna Supr. of the Franciscan fryers requesting the releasement of the Fryers taken at Polo.

In the present situation when the Inhabitants most heavily feel the many calamities they suffer I in particular have been greviously injured and cant avoid laying my Complaints before your Lordship.

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The 18th. of December you threatened me because a China-man gave out that the Friars would not let wine be brought from the Lake, and tho this information was proved to be false, I never had any satisfaction given me.

The 28th. of said month your Lordship repeated the Threats upon Account of an information you received that one of my Friars was seen at the Loma, which likewise proved false.

General Draper and the Commandant of the Artillery made me a grant of the Bills of my Church, but notwithstanding said Donation without any regard to the General promise they were pulled down, and I obliged to beg about the Town to ransom them.

But what has happened these days past, gave me much greater concern It is publickly known and even to the English that the Frier of Polo hitherto has kept his village in peace, and as it is a large one, had the Inhabitants been in arms, your Troops must have suffered some Loss; This favour due to our peaceable disposition has been paid with the most inhuman usage; The Friers were seized upon and kept all the morning exposed to the Heat of the sun, the Convent and Church delivered to the Chinamen and the Malabars who robbed and Destroyed every thing they found of any value, and afterwards the said Friers were dragged here as if they were guilty of the most henious crimes and put into the public Goal, notwithstanding my offering to be bound for their appearance.

Yesterday in the afternoon the Father of St. Lazaro whom I maintain with no other view than to attend the poor Lepers was cut and hacked by a Malabar, who attempted to do the same with the Father of St. Anns, from this Account it plainly appears that we are reduced to the most unhappy situation, there is no security for us, it does not avail us to be at peace, in Manilha, neither does our Poverty protect us all Laws and rules are broke through to punish and prejudice these religious men, so we must make use of some other means for our security it looks as if it were enough to be Fryers that we should be abused without any other reason and this plainly appears by no particular persons having suffered any Damages at Polo, the Church and convent were the only places ransacked and the Indians untouched, Tho there are some of my Order troublesome, that is no reason that those of Polo who are innocent, should be punished for them and it is contrary to all reason and justice that the Innocent should suffer for the Guilty it was no Crime to admit Spaniards there meer Hospitality, and the very much we are indebted to them obliges us to acknowledge favoures received, besides they are our Country men and Vassals to our Lawful King I have been informed some Arms were found and two coats belonging to Deserters, but tho this be true, what crime can it be since this Village was subject to Mr. Anda & the English never conquered it besides there is no proof that the fathers encouraged said Deserters, all which shows our Innocence, and how much we are injured without being allowed the least Application nor defence. I have been three days paying attendance to see whether I could speak to your Lordship and could not meet with any one that would carry my message.

Here sir I should finish my letter, but every Day we have fresh reasons to complain, I have information from Polo that the soldiers broke open the Doors rifled and Destroyed every thing they met, nothing has been able to put a stop to their fury, I cant be persuaded that your Lordship, nor any of your principal officers gave any such orders, but this action is not the less to be lamented since it looks as if the Intention as to outrage and despise every thing that is sacred, but this is not what was promised us yesterday the Father of St. Polo was carried to Goal in the most ignominious manner for no other reason than not having advised that some of Mr. Andas people were thereabouts, is it possible sir that one must be guilty for no other reason than for being a

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Religious man what reason or law is there that obliges the Father of St. Paloe to do any such thing he hitherto has not signed a Parole of honour, and tho he had it could not oblige him to any such thing.

Moreover I often desired Doctor Vogan to advise the Officers not to go too far out of the Town for fear of meeting some unlucky accident in the Villages which I was afraid the Fathers would be blamed for, some of them go as far as St. Anns and in the midst of a Crowd of Indians fall asleep in their Coaches I told Mr. Barnewall the same, and notwithstanding all this we have not even been thanked for it, besides as religious men, we are not under the least obligation to do any such thing and the advices we have given should be looked on as a particular favour, and the fathers more respected but on the Contrary they meet with the most harsh treatment what has been got by this usage and what happens upon Account of the Fathers having been imprisoned, in that the Villages are in worse Condition, than before, who is the Father when he sees an English man go to the village, but will run away since he finds it is the same to be in peace or in Arms. If the Father runs away 'tis probable the Indians will follow his Example and by these means the disturbances will increase all which is contrary to your Intention, and what your Lordship has expressed to us both in writing and by word of mouth the Religious men Cooperate more than you can imagine in keeping the people at peace, but if they are used as hitherto carrying them to Prison, plundering their houses and churches exposing them to the inclemency of the weather bringing them publickly in the midst of the soldiers and putting them in Dungeons, fitter for the Vilest Criminals depriving them of all manner of Communication, not allowing them interpreters capable of explaining their Cases nor other witnesses than their Accusers, by these methods sir it will be impossible to compass what you seem so much to wish for, I know that some English Officers who went upon other expeditions have not behaved so rudely but this last step has ruined all the Confidence we had before, and I see there is no security for us, since the Charity we exercise to the poor Lazars is repaid with Gashes and wounds; how is it possible under these circumstances to remain quiet.

This complaint only you sir can remedy and for this reason I apply to your Lordship and put you in mind of our condition and our Birth as religious men we should be worthy of your attention and our being Spaniards intitles us to be used as such, and our poverty as we are supported by Charities makes us worthy of Compassion, instead of this our Bells which were promised us were taken away, our Churches and Convents robbed and plundered, and in short the unhappiness of being prisoners, and obliged to be in subjection makes us worthy of not being used worse than either the Capitulation or Parole of Honor requires, not that we are obliged to be Spies, or to give an account of what Passes which is not required of the Seculars, and sure we should be considered upon an equal Footing with them and for all these reasons I beg and request your Lordship will please to order the religious men to be set at liberty.

(Signed) Father Antonio Luna.

Honble Sir.

Ten days ago the Guardian of Polo his Companion, and a Lay Brother who went to look for Provisions for my Convent, were taken Prisoners, the same Day I applyed to Mr. Faillet to inform your Lordship of the reason of their being imprisoned, and as they we were blameless that you would please to let them be brought to this Convent, which petition has not had any effect, for this reason I set down to write the annexed letter to give it in immediately to your Lordship but as the Father of St. Paloe since then was made Prisoner and considering it might be troublesome, I deferred doing it, but I can't defer any

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longer the maintenance of the Fryers at Delao and S^{t}. Lazaro is become too burdensome and since the month of October I have not received any Charities to help the Lazars to subsist, instead of this I have been paid for this Charitable Action, by wounding the Father, I am under no obligation to maintain the Frier at Dilao, and yet I have helped to maintain both him and the wounded Fryer, neither am I obliged to maintain the Fryer of S^{t}. Paloe thó since the month of October I have supplyed him with above 60 Dollars, as he is a Prisoner, and I have no body to send in his room I shall be obliged to give up that village. The only subsistance I had for my Convent and a number poor old Fryers, was drawn from Polo, I constantly sent a lay Brother to bring what was necessary as all these are in Prison I have no other refuge, and therefore it will be impossible for me, considering my present necessities to remain here any longer, I have no Farm nor Houses to supply my wants neither is there any Body to beg a Charity from as formerly, there is no reason I should run myself further in Debt, and I already owe above 700 Dollars for all these reasons I once more beg you'l please to order them to be set at liberty.

(Signed) Father Antonio Luna.
Guardian of the Convent of Manilha.

Remarks on the above Letters.

When Ecclesiasticks act so contrary to their Professions, as openly to appear in Arms or privately to excite the Indians to join the malecontents, thereby encreasing the Effusion of Human Blood they forfeit the Indulgencies usually allowed to them by the Customs of War or by the Articles of the Capitulation and can only be treated, as publick Disturbers it is immaterial whether Polo has submitted to the English Government, even supposing it has not, they have acted as Enemys and thereby given us a right to use them as such.

The Board are amazed at Father Lunas so unjustly accusing the Party of having given up the Church to Plunder when particular care was taken to place Guards to prevent any thing of the kind as they are also at the unbecoming Language which runs through his Letters he scruples not to say that religious men being persecuted for their religion they must make use of some other means for their security; agreed that a Letter be addressed to him demanding an Explanation thereof pointing out to him the unjustness of his Complaints and recommending to him that Decency of Style so necessary in all publick Letters.

The following Letter from Mess^{rs}. Henry Parsons & William Stevenson are read.

To Dawsonne Drake Esq^{r}.
Deputy Governour &^{ca}. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen,

Letter from Mess^{rs}. Parsons and Stevenson requesting a seat at the Board.

As our Seniority in the Service entitles us to the vacancies occasioned in the Council by the departure of Mess^{rs}. Russell and Johnson we take the liberty of requesting your approbation of it, which we should have done long ago had we not imagined that it was only your hurry of Business of more importance that prevented your appointing us.

We know it is not customary on the Coast at the Subordinate Settlements to fill up these vacancies without a particular Order from the Presidency which may be had at the most distant ones in a few weeks but as this Place is at so great a Distance, and circumstances so widely different, we imagine those settlements can be no standard for this, and if we are not misinformed when Bencoolen which is at a less Distance (was dependant on Madras), Vacancies in their Council were filled up with the next senior servants without waiting for an order for that purpose from the Coast, and as nothing is mentioned to the

contrary in the General Instructions, we flatter ourselves your appointing us will not be disapproved of as in Case of Accidents to you Gentlemen, the service may suffer for want of servants experienced in the methods of managing the Business to conduct it.

There being no great difference in our standing and Mr. Johnsons, we hope it will not be looked upon as presumption in us to desire a seat in the Council with Messrs. Smith & Brooke, so much our superiours in the service.

We are with respect
Gentlemen
Your most Humble & obedient Servants

HENRY PARSONS.
WILLIAM STEVENSON.

MANILHA
14TH. MARCH 1763.

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to be hereafter considered. copy of the address to be transmitted to Madras.

The Hurry of the Dispatch will not now admit of the Boards taking the above into consideration agreed that they be acquainted therewith and that copy thereof be transmitted to the Presidency that they may be acquainted by the Ships with the sentiments of the Governor and Council on the Occasion.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.
J. L. SMITH.
HENRY BROOKE.

THURSDAY MARCH 17TH 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPTY. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

Read the following Letter from Captain Brereton of His Majesty's Ship Falmouth.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN.

Letter from Captn. Berreton consents to leave the Frigate on our sending with him the Sloop.

I have received your letter of the 15th. and in consideration of your Intelligence shall leave the Seaford Frigate for the service you require but as it is absolutely necessary that some vessel should attend the Falmouth on her cruize. I must desire you will appoint the Companys Sloop for that Service.

I agree with you that it is very dangerous leaving the Frenchmen at Cavita, therefore shall embark them on Board the Falmouth but I am sorry to tell you, it is not in my power to replace them with Marines from the Ships as they are very short of their Complements therefore desire you will send down men from Manilha to relieve them, as the Garrison of Cavita is very weak.

I am with Esteem
Gentlemen
Your most obedt. Humb. Servant
WM. BRERETON.

CAVETA,
THE 16TH. OF MARCH 1763.

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Resolved in consequence that the Companys sloop Pasig be put under the orders of Capt. Brereton. Sloop to proceed accordingly.

As the Prince of Xolo and Embassador from Paquimaslano King of Mindanao have prepared themselves for their Departure, the Destination of the sloop which was to have carried them thus unavoidably altered and the Board are apprehensive also that Mr. Dalrymple may want the Bales brought from China by the Albion and Essex Mr. Gaspardan Inhabitant of this city offering to Freight a ship of about 200 Tons he now has at Cavita for the sum of 3000 Dollars from the present time to the end of July agreed that she be taken up for the above service on the said Terms; they are moderate, and as Mr. Dalrymple may have provided a cargo for China they hope it will prove for the advantage of the Company, since in such case, she might arrive with any Goods so provided in time to be sent on the Company's ships, that may touch here in the way to Canton. A Ship taken up to proceed with the Prince.

Mr. Saulnier acquaints the Board that it will be necessary to have spare masts, sails &ca. stores for his Voyage Ordered that his Indent be comply'd with. Mr. Saulnier Indents for sundry stores &ca. ordered to be complyd with.

General Letter to the Governor and Council of Fort St. George read and Signed. General letter to Madras signed.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.
J. L. SMITH.
HENRY BROOKE.

Sailed the Suburb Jung, George Scot for Batavia with the following Letter to the Companys Resident there. 17TH

To RANDOLPH MARRIOT ESQR.
RESIDENT AT BATAVIA OR THE RESIDENT FOR THE TIME BEING.

Sir,

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that his Majesty's Squadron with Land Forces under the Commands of Rear Admiral Cornish and Brigadier General Draper arrived in the Bay the 23rd. of last September and that the city of Manilha was taken by storm the 6th. of the succeeding month. The Archbishop who had retired into the Citadel, capitulated, and as a Compensation for the Lives and Fortunes of the citizens granted to them by the Articles of the Capitulation consented to pay the sum of four million of Dollars one third of which was assigned to the Honble Company as their share; a very small part has yet been received and the rest is to be paid out of the Phillipinas Treasure or by Bills on the Court of Madrid.

A Judge of the Royal Audience Senor Semon Anday Salazar having left the Town the night before the storm has set himself up as Captain General of the Phillippine Island &ca. and collected large Bodies of Indians and Mestires in the Provinces. In November they had possessed themselves of Pasig a Town about 14 miles distant from Manilha in order to cut off our communication with the Lake hoping thereby to distress us for Provisions a Detachment marched out against them and they were soon obliged to abandon their Post with great Loss. The Ovidore then apprehensive of our pursuing him into the Provinces immediately fortify'd the Church of Bulacan and Garrisoned it with Guatchinangoes &ca. many intervening obstacles prevented our undertaking an Expedition

against it until the middle of January when a considerable Detachment attacked the Church and after a defence of about 2 Hours thró their obstinacy the malecontents to the number of near 400 were all put to the sword among whom were 3 Fryers found in Arms and several Spaniards. They have since remained very quiet but as their numbers increase their Designs must be still hostile and we apprehend they will endeavour thró the means of their Agents to provide themselves with Arms, Ammunition &ca. at Batavia, we must therefore recommend to you to endeavour to discover any assistance that may be given to them by the Dutch and in that case to enter a formal Protest against such proceedings as an Infringement of the neutrality subsisting between the two nations we beg you will by every opportunity acquaint us with all the advices you may at any time procure.

The accompanying Packet you will be pleased to Forward to Madras by the first and safest Conveyance.

We are

Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

DAWSONNE DRAKE &CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
MARCH 15TH. 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPY. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

Received the following Letter from Major Fell demanding the Ovidor Villacortee imprisoned for carrying on a treasonable correspondence with Mr. Anda.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL AT MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

The Ovidore Villacornte having been guilty of high Treason by breaking his Oath of Allegiance solemnly sworn to his Britannick Majesty and as no Court of Civil Judicature can be held in this settlement for want of a sufficient number of Councellours to compose it and the Crime of High Treason by the Honble Companys Charter is expressly forbid to be tryed by such Court; I am obliged in order to bring him to justice to demand him on behalf of his Majesty who by act of Parliament and his Articles of War has authorized the Commander in Chief of his forces abroad to try all Crimes Capital without any Exception by a General Court Martial. I do therefore Gents. in the name of His Majesty demand the said Villacorte to be delivered up to the military Law to be punished according to the nature of his offence which demand I make no doubt you will for the good of the King and the Settlement comply with.

I am

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt. Humble Servant

ROBT. EDWD. FELL.

MANILHA
MARCH 18TH. 1763.

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This being a very nice Point and requiring the utmost consideration, as our delivering him over might be construed as giving up part of our Honble masters Rights and Prerogatives, agreed to defer our resolutions thereon, untill we have maturely reflected on the consequences that may attend our detaining or surrendering him to Major Fell.

The Paymaster acquaints the Board that Captain Sleigh has apply'd to him for Batta at 15 Rs. per day during his Bulacan Expedition as his Expences must have been considerable, Agreed that in lieu thereof an Allowance of 12 Rupees per day be paid to him, but to prevent the making it a Precedent in future it is to be given as a Gratuity.

The Office of Superintendent of the Yard at Cavita requiring a diligent Person, having no servants of the Companys Conversant in Marine Affairs or unemploy'd, and Mr. Classford 1st. Lieut. of the Falmouth having acted for the Company in that Capacity Resolved that a salary of 50 Dollars per month be allowed him for the time he has been or may continue in the Employ.

The Paymaster lays before the Board sundry accounts delivered in by Mr. Faillet for Expences &ca. of the King and Prince of Xolo Ordered that they be paid.

Ordered also that the money advanced the Prince &ca. be carry'd to a separate account under the Head of King and Prince of Xolo.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.
J. L. SMITH.
HENRY BROOKE.

Read the following Letter from the Superior of the Franciscan Fryers Jesuits.

TO THE GOVERNOR & COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

I dont doubt but your Lordships has been amazed and astonished at the contents and expressions of the Letter wrote by Mr. Villacorta to Mr. Anda, I to mollify the surprise said Letter must have occasioned cant do less than inform your Lordship that said Villacortas great talents are sometimes accompanyed with Gigantick flights of an imagination which when Agitated causes such effects as proceed from folly, and without the least thought or reflection he breaks out into expressions that no way relate to the subject and quite different from his way of reasoning when his imagination is not stirred up and heated with that earnestness and fervour, I think it superfluous to name Persons who can attest this Truth, the principal persons among the Spaniards have often been witness of it, and your Lordship perceiving this defect in him, was pleased to order him by your Secretary some months ago to be more moderate in his conversation with regard to the English nation and Government which I am persuaded did proceed from the thorough knowledge you had of the person his temper and imagination, which engaged your Lordship to take this prudent step, this at present emboldens me to apply to your Lordship and most humbly intreat you'l in the present circumstances proceed with that moderation and Lenity which God has endowed you with and I can assure you that by a resolution peculiar to your compassionate genious and temper in the present occasion you will intirely endear yourself to the Spanish Nation.

(Signed) BERNARDO PAZUENGOS.

STA. CRUZ
MARCH 20TH. 1763.

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To Father Antonio de Luna
Provincial of the Franciscans.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 13th. Instant.

Your bare denial will hardly convince us, that no Fryer appeared at the Loma with the Party that came from Bulacan, and we are persuaded that the Rabble which came down to Guardaloupe from the Lake were headed by Franciscans as well as that many of them are now very active in raising and fomenting Troubles in the Provinces when Ecclesiasticks act so inconsistently with their Functions, when they lay aside the Humanity, meekness and pacifick Disposition which should Guide all their actions and openly appear in arms or in any manner excite the Indians to join the malecontents, thereby increasing the Effusion of Human Blood, what right have they to hope for Lenity or how can they expect the Advantages so generously granted to all by the Articles of the Capitulation? when they every day act in open violation of them. The Fryers taken in the convent convince us of their bad intentions towards us, it is little in confined, to prevent their further assisting the Enemy and letters which were taken in the convent convince us of their bad intentions towards us, it is little in their favour, to pretend that Polo is not under our Jurisdiction since even on such a supposition, having acted as Enemys, we have a right to treat them as such.

We are greatly amazed at your so injustly and injuriously accusing the Detachment with having delivered over the Church &ca. to be plundered since it was necessary it could be proved that Guards were placed around it, and in the village, for their security as also at the inconsiderate and unbecoming Language which runs through the whole of your Letter, you say that " All Laws and Rules are broke through to punish religious men so we must make use of some other means for our security." We insist upon your explaining yourself and when you again address us pray observe that Deficiency of Stile required in all publick Letters and which our stations give us a right to expect from you.

We are
Sir
Your obedient Servant
Dawsonne Drake &ca. Council.

Manilha
March 19th. 1763.

At a Consultation

Saturday March 19th.

Present

Dawsonne Drake Esqr. Depy. Govr. President.
John Lewin Smith. Henry Brooke.

The Board being again met on the subject of Major Fell's demand of the Ovidore Villacorte accused of high treason proceed immediately to consider the affair with the attention it requires.

The Honble Company's representatives not being Empowered by the royal Charter to take cognizance of the crime of high Treason, Major Fell by virtue of the Articles of war claiming this authority and having demanded him in behalf of His Majesty In consideration of our being in an actual state of war, precarious situation of our affairs, the many frequent Instances we have had of offences of this nature as may be proved by the faithless and perfidious

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Conduct of the Fiscal, the Ovidore Gallan Marquis of Monte Castro as well as many others (that letting this pass with Impunity might be attended with very bad consequences the necessity therefore of a speedy and severe example so apparent, and no Alternative occuring; Agreed that for the Good of His Majesty's and the Companys Service, he be delivered over to Major Fell, but that a Letter at the same time be addressed to him observing to him that we look upon Manilha and all the Dependencies thereunto belonging as subordinate to Madras and as such think them entitled in every respect to all the Benefits His Majestys Gracious Charter) in the same manner as the Companys other subordinate Settlements and that consequently in cases of high Treason only they can or will deliver up Criminals to the Martial Law as the Orders of their Superiours directed them of course they neither would nor did receive the Settlement from General Draper with any Military restriction or Constraint whatever.

Mr. Villacortee to be delivered up to Major Fell.

Read the 2 following Letters from the Archbishop and one from Padre Paruengos entered before; Most Excellent sir,

As soon as Mr. Villacorte was taken Prisoner I sent a message to your Excellency and the Councellours, begging that in his troubles and afflictions he might be treated with decency upon Account of his being a minister to the Catholick King my master, and tho you answered me that he should be treated as a Criminal, I notwithstanding continued my good offices and went in Person to see your Excellency and beg he might be allowed a servant to attend him in the Prison; I also requested that he might have leave to see his Confessor, who might comfort him and perform such offices as are required by the Christian Religion, I now repeat my request and at the same time if his Crime is of consequence, as is currently reported, that your Excellency and the Councellours will please to name him a Lawyer that he may alledge and be heard in presence of your upright tribunal, which is a thing required by the Law of nature and of Nations, and especially between the polite ones such as the British and Spanish Nations are and for my conscience sake, and from the experience I have of this man, I can't avoid telling that some years ago he received a violent shock in his Head by a fall from his Coach which had near kill'd him and since then he has some fitts which at certain times set him besides himself, so as to throw out against every Body and even against himself, and no Body in the Place was offended at it, neither did any Body take any notice of him for so doing. This is notorious to all the Inhabitants and sometimes obliged the Governor to give him a gentle reprehension for this Blameless defect I am obliged to declare this and lay it before your Excellency and your Council that in his cause you may proceed with the Justice peculiar to your Excellency and the Councellours, who I hope will never come to the Extremity of having him condemned to Death, from which no benefit can be reaped but may be attended with many damages, and tho his Crime should deserve Death the prudence and Justice of your Excellency and your Council will take the most convenient and praise worthy medium and for this I put you in mind of the case of the Count de Stein guilty of enormous crimes in his thorough senses; this way of acting I am confident will be greatly applauded by both the King of Great Britain and His Catholick Majesty—my Sovereign &ca. am &ca.

MANUAL ANTONIO *Archbishop of Manilha.*

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MOST EXCELLENT SIR,

I cannot give credit to the News publickly reported that your Excellency, sends Prince Israel to Xolo, and has concluded with him and the Sultan his Father a Treaty or League offensive and Defensive. I can't be persuaded from the prudence and good conduct both of your Excellency and the Councellours that you will cease to look upon and attend to the preservation of these Islands, and maintain them in the same manner in which His Brittannick Majesty's Arms found them, since his royal protection is promised by his Generals to preserve and no ways impair this Pawn which was taken from the Catholick King my master by way of a deposit, untill both His Majesty's deliberate about what may be the fate of it and as this most weighty Affair is left to the determination of the Sovereign, the Ministers neither should, nor have they a power to innovate or give any Disposition untill the royal resolution is known.

To this is to be added that the Life, liberty, and fortunes of these subjects should be preserved by the Articles of the Capitulation, and likewise the roman Catholick religion ,and 'tis certain that to stirr up the moors would be to occasion, the Destruction of all & raise inquietudes & disturbances in all the Islands since it is natural that the Inhabitants should depend themselves, and much Blood be spilt, and many Lives Lost on both sides, with the Loss of the Villages and the Christian Instruction.

I dont believe the Honble British Company nor His Brittannick Majesty will approve an Alliance which must be attended with such grievous consequences. I also am of opinion that the Catholick King my Master will complain of it, and indeavour to reveng an injury of this magnitude. I as his Catholick Majesty's Minister, and likewise a Minister to God Almighty represent and lay before your Excellency and the Council, the Damages and prejudices, and hope from your Integrity, that being informed of them, you will proceed as a matter of such consequence requires. I also acquaint you that a preliminary treaty of peace and a voluntary cession both of the Sultan and his son towards an establishment of the Spaniards both in Xolo and Basilan with other priviledges in those Islands, have been made beforehand, preserving always those which his Catholick Majesty had over them these many years past, as the Sultan and the Prince can tell, and both, voluntarily and of their own accord presented them to me in Letters signed by them.

I therefore conclude begging of your Excellency that nothing may be attempted against what has passed, since it will not be agreeable to the generosity and politeness of the English Nation, and dont take my Protests ill since it behoves me to make them, and I do make them in the name of the Catholick King my Master.

MANUEL ANTONIO,
Archbishop of Manilha.

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With regard to Senor Villa Corta all Applications must in future be address'd to Major Fell whose prisoner he is; Agreed that Answers be immediately wrote, to acquaint the above Gentlemen therewith as to the Archbishop's Letter relating to the Alliance with the King of Xolo. The Board have an undoubted right to make Treaties or enter into Agreements with any Princes or people whatever, the present with Xolo cannot by any means infringe on the Articles of the capitulation as that Island never was included among the Phillippines, besides at all Events while the Ovidore Anda in open violation of the said Articles continues raising and fomenting Troubles in the Country Self Preservation will induce them to make Alliances with any people who have it in their power and will assist them and whatever bad consequences may arise

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therefrom must be laid to the charge of Mr. Anda and those Fryers who have been so active in Exciting the Indians to take up Arms thereby involving these unhappy people in Disturbances which probably will end in the entire ruin of the Country.

When the prince of Xolo returns it will be a proper opportunity to send to receive the submission of the different Governments to the Southd.

Resolved that the Archbishop be requested to prepare Letters to the different Governors and Alcaldes Mayor directing them to pay a due obedience to the orders they may receive from the present Government agreeable to the cession of the Islands to His Brittannick Majesty.

Captn. Flint & Horn deliver in Proposals for feeding the Horses of the Seapoy Cavalry and the Artillery on the following Terms.

Captn. Flint for the cavalry including Horsekeepers and every other charge per month.

Captn. Horne for the Artillery Horses in Garrison including 1 Driver to every 3 Horses and every other charge whatever ℔r. mm. 1. 2. 8. In the Field including 1 Driver to every 2 Horses 11. 0.

Ordered that the above proposals do lie on the Table untill inquiry be made concerning them.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Signed a Letter to Major Fell as follows. 20TH

To ROBERT EDWARD FELL ESQR.
MAJOR COMMANDING HIS MAJESTY'S 79TH. REGIMENT.

We have received your Letter of the 18th. wherein you formerly demand in behalf of His Majesty the Ovidore Villacorta for having been guilty of High Treason by breaking the Oath of Allegiance he hath lately taken to him in order that he may be tryed by the Martial Law. The Honble Company's representatives not being authorised by the Royal charter to take cognizance of the crime of high Treason and you claiming this power by virtue of the Articles of war, In consideration of the actual state of war and precarious situation we are at present in, the repeated Instances we have had of offences of this nature and the faithless and perfideous conduct of the Spaniards in general, that letting this pass unpunished, might be productive of the most fatal consequences and therefore a severe and immediate Example appearing absolutely necessary we do for the good of His Majesty's and the Company's service agree to surrender him up to you, but we must at the same time remark that Manilha &ca. Dependencies being subordinate to the Presidency of Fort St. George are to enjoy in every respect the Benefit of His Majesty's gracious charter in the same manner as the Honble Company's other subordinate settlements and that consequently in case of High Treason only we can ever consent to deliver over criminals to be tried by Court Martial as by the Instructions we received from our superiours we were directed and of course neither would or did receive the conquest by General Draper with any Military Ristrictions whatever.

We are
SIR,
Your most obedient Humble Servants
DAWSONNE DRAKE &CA. C.

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MARCH 22d. Sent the following Letter to the Archbishop.

To DON MANUEL ANTONIO ROXO
ARCHBISHOP OF MANILHA.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR,

The Ovidore Villa Cortee having been accused of the Crime of High Treason to His Brittannick Majesty, by breaking the Oath of Allegiance he lately so solemnly took to him, and Major Fell by virtue of the Articles of war, claiming the power to judge offences of this nature, and having accordingly demanded him in the King's name, we delivered him up in order to have him tried by the Martial Law; It is therefore out of our Power to comply with your request, He is Major Fell's prisoner, and of course all applications in his behalf in future must be made to him.

We are with much Esteem,

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR,

Your most obedient Humble servants

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

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As also one to the same purport to Padre Paruengos.
Delivered the following Letter to the Archbishop.

To DON MANUEL ANTONIO DE ROXO
ARCHBISHOP OF MANILHA.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR,

In answer to the Letter, we had the honor to receive from you under date the 20th. Instant, we must beg leave to remark, that if the Lives, Religion & Properties &ca. of His Catholick Majesty's subjects were ensured to them by the Articles of the Capitulation, it was on condition their acknowledging and paying a due obedience to our most gracious sovereign untill the Fate of these Islands was decided, Instead of complying therewith, many have absconded, and are now assisting Senor Anda in carrying on unlawful and barbarous war, contrary to the Oaths they have so solemnly sworn, and the Allegiance they owe to both Monarchs. In these circumstances sir, we surely have a right to make Alliances, as will enable us to frustrate their evil Designs, and whatever bad consequences may thereby be produced, must alone be laid to the charge of Senor Anda and his Faction whose hostile Intentions will bring on the inevitable ruin of the Country.

We are

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR,

Your most obedient Humble servants,

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

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Likewise one to Mr. Arandain who has engaged to inform Us of the name and Effects of such Spaniards as have absconded.

To Mr. Orendain.

Sir,

We must beg you to procure for Us a List of such Persons as have absconded from Manilha since it has been in our possession, as also, of such as fled before that time and an account of their Possesions and Effects, and in order to enable you to compleat them, you may demand the sight of any Papers or call any Person before you who may be able to give you any Intelligence relating thereto.

We are,

Sir,

Your most humble servants

Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Council.

Manilha
25th. March 1763.

Read the following Letter from the Superior of the Dominicans.

To the Governor &
Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen,

Father Peter Lewis dela Sierra Superior of the Dominicans in this City of Manilha appears before your Lordship and implores. Clemency, laying before you in the most submissive manner that the Friar Joseph Villar a religious man of my order and prisoner in this Goal since the expedition of Bulacan, was taken there by the British Troops in a Dress very unbecoming his profession and religious institution, and as he still continues in this Dress appearing more like a secular, than an Ecclesiastick which in a young man may occasion a change of manners. I beg your Lordship will please to consent that he may return to his Convent of St. Domingo in this City, where he may lead a religious life, and experience the rigour of our religious Laws, and be employed in such exercises as properly belong to his institution here most Honble he will be chastised according to our statutes, & shall upon no account be suffered to return to the Business which has given occasion to his imprisonment, since the religious punishments are not only for past misdemeanours, but also a precaution against future ones, a religious man out of his cloister is like a fish out of water, and as the Fish in such case respires out of his tenter so does the religious man out of his convent, and lives lable to forget his obligations for want of the continual practise of them and lay aside that modesty inseparable from his institution, I am persuaded it is not your Lordship's intention to see a religious man in the track of perdition but rather that he should correct & mend his Life and manners, and since there is no better method towards effecting this, than by restoring him to his cloister, I most humbly beg your Lordship will give ear to my earnest and most submissive request which I shall be extremely obliged to you for.

Francis Peter Luisdesierra.

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To which an Answer was returned as follows.

To the Revd. Father Peter Luis de Sierra,
Superior of the Dominicans.

Revd. Sir,

We have received your Letter and are sorry we cannot comply with your request—Friar Joseph Villar having been taken actually in Arms at Bulacan and in a Dress very unbecoming his Ecclesiastick Profession cannot expect any other Treatment than that of a prisoner of war, and as we cannot rely on his parole having forfeited his right to that priviledge by having acted against us notwithstanding he was our prisoner being taken in the Town the 6th. of October, he must therefore remain in confinement.

We are,
Sir,
Your most humble servants,
Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Council.

Manilha
March 23d. 1763.

Received the following Letter from Captain Brereton of his Majesty's Ship Falmouth.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr. Governor
and the Council.

Gentlemen,

I was commanded by Admiral Cornish to make a proposal to the Archbishop and Commerce of Manilha concerning the Phillippine which proposal was readily accepted by the Archbishop and he has wrote a Letter to the General of the Patche Phillippino to deliver so much of the Treasure as will make up two millions of Dollars with what has been already paid, but as I think it absolutely necessary, that those Gentlemen of the Commerce, and those who have most property in the Phillippino /who are now residing in Manilha/ should also sign this Letter to the General of the Patche Phillippino for the delivery of the said Treasure agreable to the Articles of the Capitulation, I desire you will summon them to meet me at the pallace this Afternoon at 5 O' clock, either to sign the said Letter, or give us their reasons for not doing it: as I shall look on their refusing it as a violation of the Aticles of Capitulation, and shall act against them in consequence of it, as Publick Enemys.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient humble Servant,
Wm. Brereton.

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The Archbishop and Commerce of the City addressed a Letter to the General of the Galleon Phillipino directing him to deliver up part of the Treasure to Captain Brereton who in pursuance of the Admiral's directions is to proceed in quest of her as mentioned in Consultation [*lacuna*] appoint Don Manuel de Castro a Commissary to carry their said Letter who in consequence thereof delivers in the following Paper.

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Don Manuel de Castro setts forth that the Governor and Council that in an Assembly of the City and Commerce he was appointed to go to Pallapa in each of the Phillipino in an English Ship sent for that purpose, but considering he has been named by said Assembly contrary to right reason and justice being no more than a private Citizen who was never called upon before for any Business relating to said City and Commerce, and only attended at three or four conferences held in presence of the Archbishop about appointing persons to execute the same Commission they now give him, and as he never signed the Archbishop's Letter it may be easily understood that he was compelled to be present at said conferences and that this was no voluntary act of his; he says that in said conferences none of the Aldermen the Commerce have been named thó there are the persons who compose the city and settle all Affairs relating to commerce and for this reason are recompensed by a number of Boletas, neither have they any power to name or appoint any private citizen to go upon any Expedition against his will, which makes said Castro suspect they have all conspired against him and do him the great piece of Injustice and he is ready to prove that their proceedings upon this occasion has been both partial and unjust, hitherto I have been taken but little notice off by that body, and now to free themselves from going this voyage between Friends and relations they have trumped up the Affair, and about 4 years ago having desired that my priviledge aboard the Galleon should be augmented they refused me the 4th. part of a Boleta which was not worth 10 Dollars alledging that I was a person unknown in the city, after this manner does this Body behave but in all the cities of Europe and even in India taken by storm or right of Conquest, the Magistrates are obliged to bear the weight of all the charges of the republicks, and as they are good for the one, so should they for the other, and not compromise private people little known, and of less abilities for the employment they have given him.

For all these reasons I beg your Lordship and the Counsellours will please to exempt me from this voyage as 'tis justice, I beg and protest in the name of his Brittish Majesty one two and three times that I do not go voluntarily but compell'd and forced, as a prisoner of war I am not obliged to serve as a Commissary against my Sovereign the King of Spain, and this looks as if it was required that I should go against my Oath of Allegiance which I gave, not to interfere directly or indirectly against either of the sovereigns during the war. and I beg your Lordship and Councellours will please to give me testimony of the resolution you may come to concerning this Petition &ca.

Manuel de Castro.

In answer to which the Secretary was ordered to write the following Letter.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your representation and to acquaint you that they do not think it necessary to enter into a Discussion on those Points, you have been appointed by the commerce to proceed to Palapa to receive the Phillipino's Treasure in compliance with the Articles of Capitulation and they therefore think they have a right to require you to go.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Francis Jourdan,
Secy.

Manilha
March 23d. 1763.

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25th. Sent a Letter to the Archbishop as follows.

To Don Manuel Antonio de Roxo,
Archbishop of Manilha.

Illustrious Sir,

As we propose sending a vessel to the southward, to receive the submission of the settlements on the several Islands, as Samboangan, Bergacor, Iloilo, Zebee &ca. we must request the favor of your addressing separate Letters, to every one of the Governors and Alcaldes Major, acquainting them with your cession of all the Phillipine Island to His Brittannick Majesty strictly enjoining them to take the Oath of Allegiance to him in presence of such Persons as we shall Depute for that purpose, lest for want of proper Instructions they should refuse submitting and by obliging us to use force involve those Provinces in the same troubles as were lately so severely felt in Bulacan.

We are with Esteem,

Illustrious sir,

Your most obedient humble servants,

Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Cl.

Manilha
25th March 1763.

At a Consultation

Present

Dawsonne Drake Esqr. Depy. Governor President
John Lewin Smith. Henry Brooke.

Mr. Roberts having acted as Commander of the Speedwell Brig. for some time past resolved that he be continued therein with the pay of 40 Dollars per month from his entrance on board her.

Resolved that Mr. Mathews be appointed to command the ship taken up of Captain Gaspard and that he be allowed 38 Dollars per month with the accustomed priviledge.

Agreed that 2 Mates be also appointed to the ship with a Gunner at the same wages as usually allowed in the Country Ships.

It being too harzardous to venture her with Indian mariners alone Resolved that 10 Lascars be put on board the ship.

Ordered that provisions for a voyage for three months be sent on Board.

Read the following Letter from Padre Sierra Superior of the Dominicans.

Most Honble Sir & Counsellors

I return you my Hearty thanks for the Letter you were pleased to honor me with, dated 23d. of this month in which you express the motives and reasons that justifye the prudent resolution you came too, not to consent that any other usage should be given to Frier Joseph Villar, but that of a prisoner, I take the liberty to manifest to your Lordship and the Councellours my Gratitude, and I shall always acknowledge the above resolution to have been the effect of a mature deliberation and justifyable conduct, thō I dont in any shape pretend said deliberation should not be duly complyed with, I make bold to lay before you in the most submissive manner that the next week is a time the roman Catholicks Entirely apply themselves to prayer and Devotion and are under-

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the strictest obligation to perform their, Custer Duties, for which reason I beg you'l please to allow that said Villar should go to the Convent for eight Days at the end of which I shall oblige myself either by giving my word of honor and my oath to deliver him up to you, this petition has no other grounds no motive than in this holy time to put said Villar in mind that he is a Christian and a roman Catholick, and if you think fit to grant my request I shall be eternally obliged to you.

I am Honble sirs with the greatest veneration and respect.

Your most Humble and obedient Servant
Frans^{s}. Peter Lewis de Sierra.

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The former answer of the Board renders it unnecessary again to take into consideration M^{r}. Villar's misbehaviour, it would be absolutely imprudent to release a man on whom so little dependance can be placed.

Ordered that a month's Provisions for the Garrison of Cavita be sent thither.

Captain Backhouse representing to the Board the unavoidable and considerable Expences he was put to on his different Expeditions &^{ca}. Agreed in consideration thereof that an allowance of 12 Rupees per Day be made him as a Gratuity in lieu of the usual Batta.

Mess^{rs}. ———

Midshipmen having acted as Assistants to M^{r}. Glasford Superintendent, apply for an Allowance Resolved that one Rupee per Day be paid them during the time of their acting.

The Paymaster requesting an allowance of Doll^{s}. 30,000 for the charges of his Employ. Ordered that it be issued to him.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Sailed His Majesty's ship Falmouth under the command of Captain William Brereton with the Falmouth Brig, and the Honble Company's sloop Pasig, on a Cruize.

MARCH THE 27TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQ^{R}. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR PRES^{T}.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

MONDAY APRIL 4TH.

Read the following Letter from the superior of the Franciscan order.

Letter from the Superior of the Franciscans apologizing for his last Letter.

Honble sir and Counsellours

The letter you were pleased to honor me with dated 20th. of March which did not come to my hands until 23^{d}. gave me the deepest concern, when I expected to receive, from your Generosity and a compassion the favour I had requested and that my Brethren would be released, I discovered that I had been blamed for what I had advanced with regard to the Party sent to Polo, and the expressions I made use of in my Letter looked upon as rash and unbecoming, and what I was still more concerned at was, that your Lordships insisted I should explain myself concerning a proposition contained in said Letter which says that all Rules and Laws have been broken through by having chastised the Fathers, and

that we must seek other methods for our Security; Give me leave Gentlemen to give a full and satisfactory answer to such Articles as are objected too, and I begin by declaring how concerned I was to have incurred your displeasure at a time when I endeavored to incline you to mercy and compassion towards my Brethren, you are Persons I look upon worthy of respect not only from account of your Station and Dignity, but likewise for many other weighty reasons, and I am extremely obliged to you for having been satisfyed with reprehending me for what was out of the way in my Letter which for the future will put me upon my Guard.

The obligation I lye under to procure the release of my Brethern was the reason of my writing in unbecoming Terms not only upon Account of your high station, and much less upon account of your being his Majesty's representatives and this consideration alone should be sufficient to keep me within Bounds, and make your Lordships judge that I made use of any offensive expressions it must be imputed to my ignorance and want of reflection but whatever the reason might be for having transgressed, I must humbly beg your Lordships and the Counsellour's pardon and most sincerely assure you there was no malice in the case.

As to the first Article in which you order me to explain my meaning, I answer, that I neither should, nor could make use of a threatning stile, as if I understood that the ways or means to be sought, for our security, were by taking up Arms, or raising any Forces which must be extreamly offensive to your Lordships, such a notion would be proof enough to look upon it as the greatest piece of nonsense and folly, and the genuine sense of my proposition is, that in order to look out for the desired security. the only way left for me, was to remain alone in my Convent, and that the religious men employed in the administration of the villages near Manilha should retire to a greater distance with your Lordships leave and proper passes, since we were reduced to the greatest degree of misery, and quite out of my power either to maintain them here or send them any Relief elsewhere, this most unhappy way of living if we bore hitherto it was in expectation that one time or other it would be mollifyed, but as it was now grown intolerable both to me and the rest of my Brethren upon account of the hardships we lye under and the little favour shewn us, to free us from suffering so much, I said we should seek means for our security, but not such as were illicit or repugnant to our institution or the fidelity we have promised.

I said all Rules and laws had been broke through in chastising my Brethren, and that we were reduced to the most miserable conditions since there was no security for us, whether we were quite or otherwise we were equally requited, neither our poverty, nor living within the city was so sufficient to protect us, and this put us under a necessity to propose some other method for our security, The Laws and Rules I meant that were broke through were only such as were instituted for human security and removing grievances.

I gave many reasons to shew that I had been highly injured. to them I might justly add what happened the 26th. of last month, thó I dont complain of the behaviour of the Officers or Soldiers when they went to search the Convent I can't but be surprised that your Lordships should think me capable of hideing Arms and ammunition and listen to the sinister information I don't doubt was given to you in consequence of which we are treated with so much rigour.

Neither do I blame the officers or soldiers for what happened at Polo, the Chinese alone were those who committed all the outrages but it is not the less certain that tho Church and Convent were plundered and we obliged to provide such things as are necessary for divine service.

As to what relates to other Paragraphs in my said Letter thó I can't deny but one or other of my Brethren may have accompany'd the Spaniards and

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Indians to Guardaloupe, neither shall insist upon one of them not having been at the Loma, and thó it may be true that others of my Brethren may be unruly in the Lake which last Article I can assure your Lordships I am quite ignorant of, what is certain, is that none of the Fathers taken at Polo, or at Sanpalse had been at Guardaloupe, the Loma, or unruly up the Lake.

The only accusation that is brought against them in having found Letters written by unknown hands, but how was it possible for them to avoid receiving Letters and there is no proof that they ever had answered any of them, in short sir, if my Brethren are to be treated as Enemies I beg they may meet with the same usage that other seculars and regulars have met with who tho were Enemies when the Town was taken, were enlarged upon their Parole of Honour.

Many motives should incline your Lordships to have compassion on these Prisoners; the poor Indian lay brother never stirred out of the Town, until two Days before he was taken and then had gone to look for Provisions for the Convent, The Father of Sanpaloe as the whole village can testify, never meddled with any thing besides the spiritual Administration of his Block, neither is he more to blame for not having given notice that there was a set of Robbers at the Loma, than Spaniards, Indians Chinese and Majesty's who might have known as much and more of the matter than he and still have not been punished for not having given Notice thereof The Guardian of Polo's companion had no care of the village, not any other Employment that might offend your Lordships, and in short the Guardeans well deserve to be set at Liberty.

I must humbly beg and intreat your Lordships will please to release these my Brethren, and I shall for ever pray &ca.

FRYER ANTONIO LUNA.

The Board satisfy'd with his apoligy. His Release not comply'd with.

The Board are satisfy'd with the superior of the Franciscands apology, but as one of the Fryers whose Liberty he requests has since been endeavoring to entice the centries that were set over him to Desert of which tho there is not sufficient proof to convince him there is at least strong Presumption to suspect him they cannot by any means comply with the request he makes for their Releasement.

Captn. Horns Bill for Chinese coolies ordered to be paid but as many to be discharged as possible.

Captain Horne Commandant of Artillery presents a Bill for the Chinese coolies employed as Artillery Lascars amounting to Dollˢ. 888 Ordered that it be paid and as the Expence is very great, that he be desired to entertain as few as possible.

300 Dollrs. paid Mr. Smith for Money advanced for the publick service.

Mr. Smith represents to the Board that he some months since advanced 1000 Dollars to Baptista an Armenian to provide cattle for the Garrison, that the Armenian had been seized in the Lake and that he has only been able to recover 700 Dollˢ. of the above sum, As the whole was advanced by him for the publick service, ordered that the 300 Dollˢ. be paid him.

The Paymaster presents a Bill from Mr. Roberts for Batta which as it is not sufficiently explicit is ordered to be returned that he may explain it.

The Speedwell Galley to be repaired immediately.

Ordered that the Speedwell Galley lately brought down from Pasig, be repaired with all Expedition, and as the Board are informed that Mr. Roberts proposes making her into a Schooner, that he do not proceed with the Alterations as it will be putting the Honble Company to a great Expence and the Galley will then be of no more use than she is in her present state.

Cash account read.

The Cash Account for last month is now read as entered hereafter.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

The Honble Company's Cash.

Dr.

1763		Dollars	R	B
To Ballance brought from last mo. Acct.	..	1,68,222	2	2
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1763		Dolls.	R	B
March 5th	By Account Current London advanced Don Manuel Antonio de Roxo late Governor of Manilha for the subsistence of the royal Spanish officers Civil and Military for Billson the royal treasury of Madrid.	5,000	—	—
11th	By the Paymaster advanced Henry Brooke for the charges of his Employ.	20,000	—	—
13th	By Messrs. Spratt Jourdan and Crauford Contractors for supplying the Garrison with 6 months Provisions advanced them by order of the Board.	30,000	—	—
	By the Garrison storekeeper advanced Henry Parsons for the Charges of his Employ.	1,296	—	—
	By the Paymaster advanced Henry Brooke for the Charges of his Employ.	30,000	—	—
		59,296	—	—
	By Ballance carried to next ms. Acct.	1,08,926	2	2
		1,68,222	2	2

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AT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY 11TH. APRIL 1763.

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESDT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

Letter from his Excellency the Archbishop read as follows.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR,

Since Mr. France Bamewalls voyage has been frustrated without any fault of mine, and that it is so necessary & important that I should give my soverign an Account of what happened to this City and the Islands by the regular way of Ampulco and at the same time require from the Viceroy of New Spain some relief in order to secure in some measure the commerce with new Spain to the Inhabitants, I spoke to Mr. Pignon about Freighting his ship which is the only one I can depend upon, as it will be necessary to put her in order give her a thorough Careen and make ready several things necessary for the voyage, and that the season is far advanced and not a moment to be lost, & I apply to your Excellency and beg you'l please to grant your Licence & Pass that said ship may go to sea with greater security & likewise at her return that the Treasure which she may bring under your protection and word of honour, may with all security be applyed to what it is designed for and that upon no account whatever I shall be hindered from making use of said Treasure for the above purpose.

Letter from the Archbishop again request Permission to send a ship to Aquapulco.

It will be likewise necessary to apply to your Excellency & beg you'l please to supply me with what may be wanting to put said ship in readiness and send her to Acapulco, I can't as yet positively say how much may be called for, it may amount to 25 or 30 the said Dollars which shall be paid at the return of the ship, besides 10 per Cent premium or whatever else we shall agree upon, since it is but reasonable that your Excellency should have profit upon the above sum.

I expect and hope your Excellency and the Council will grant me this favor, since it will be for the benefit of us all & may be a means to contribute to bring on a Peace in Europe because my sovereign will wait for news from me before he can settle matters with his Brittanick Majesty.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellencys & your Councills
most affectionate servant

MANUEL ANTONIO
Archbishop of Manilha.

MANILHA
APRIL 5TH. 1763.

Mr. Anda & his Faction not having conform'd to the Articles of the Capitulation The Board are of opinion that sending a ship to Ampulco might be attended with dangerous consequences as the spaniards at that Place might remit hither money & arms for the use of the malecontents ordered therefore that an answer to the following effect be prepared—that as no Cartel to our Knowledge subsists between our respective sovereigns we again repeat to him it is no in our power to comply with his request, remarking at the same time, that if He embrac'd the opportunity of writing by the Companys ships that sailed in March His master the King of Spain will be much earlier advised of the Capture of the Islands and the situation of the People than he possibly could be by the way of Acupulco.

again not comply'd with.

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Speedwell turned into a Brig.

Mr. Roberts acquaints the Board that the difference between repairing the Galley as she was & compleating her as a Schooner will be very trifling which is confirmed by the European Carpenter of the marine yard Agreed therefore that she be finished as such and that in future no marine affairs be carried on without an order from the Board and not untill a proper survey and Estimate of the Expences be first made.

not any thing in the marine yard to be undertaken without an express order & untill properly survey'd & estimated.

Ordered that all the workmen be employed in the new Galley and that the large one laying on shore do remain in her present Condition untill further orders.

New Galley to be finished large one to remain in the same situation as at present

The paymaster layors (*sic*) before the Board the Acct. Current for Cavita for last month at the immense Expences of which they are greatly alarmed. The Charges of Repairing Fortifications exceed those of Manilha and the Expences occasioned by repairing one Galley & working on the new one now building which is all the Board have ordered to be done amount to no less than Dollrs. Ordered in consequence that the Engineer do proceed to Cavita to examine the works carrying on there & that he be desired what the work men in the yard are employed at.

Cavita Account Current Read the Board alarmed at the immense charge of that settlement.

Captain Stevenson to proceed thither to examine the works carried on.

Messrs. Dodd & Allegre account for the high charges at Cavita last month.

Ordered also that Mr. Dodd be called upon to acquaint the Board on which of the vessels at Cavita the workmen were employed that the Engineer direct Mr. Allegre to account for the heavy charge of Repair of Fortifications and that the mestree of the yard be directed to repair to Manilha.

3 months Provisions to be laid upon the Citadel

Ordered that three months Provisions be removed from the Almazeena to the Citadel.

Town to be stockaded.

As the rains are approaching and that part of the Town inhabited by the English which includes the Parade Barracks &ca. will be much more secure by a stockade remaining across from the sea Line to St. Domingos Gate, and the Expence will amount to very little: Resolved therefore that the necessary Instructions be accordingly given to the Engineer.

Parian to be stockaded by the Chinese at their Expence

Ordered that the stockade in the Pariar be compleated by the Chinese at their Expence and to scour the Roads and bring Intelligence of the approach of any of the malecontents agreed that 20 Indian Horse be immediately entertained by the Corregidor.

20 Indian Horse to be raised to scour the Roads & to give Intelligence.

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As the Charges of the settlement are unavoidably very great and the Horses that are entertained for the Artillery cost upwards of 200 Drs. monthly and having not been waited for any service Resolved that 20 of such as will serve the seapoy Cavalry be delivered over to Captain Flint and the remainder to Mr. Kennedy the Correjidor.

The Artillery Horse to be delivered to Capt. Flint the remainder to Mr. Kennedy.

The Business of the Engineer being very great and the daily Expences of the Fortification Artillery &ca. considerable resolved that Mr. Henry Parsons the Engineer and Mr. Quintin Craufurd do act as a Committee of Works to regulate the number of Coolies and Artificers to be employed.

a Committee of works appointed.

Ordered that the Engineer do survey the Pallace the Barracks and report their condition to the Committee of Works.

Engineer to survey the Palace &ca.

The former Proposals for feeding the seapoys Horses being rated very high Ordered that advertisements be published for receiving fresh Proposals.

Fresh proposals to be received for feeding the Horses of the seapoy Cavalry.

Resolved that the Indian Prisoners confined for different Crimes be ordered to Boat the Honble Companys Pinagua into Rice which they think will be both an useful and proper punishment & to avoid Expence as much as possible, that the Provost do no longer victual them, but that they daily have a Quantity of the Rice they have Coaten with salt Fish &ca.

Companys Pinagua to be beat into Rice by the slaves who are no longer to be victualled by the Provast but to have part of the Rice they daily beat.

Resolved also that the Companys Grain the Pinagua beginning to decay be sold off as soon as possible.

Company's Grain to be sold off.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

AT A CONSULTATION

APRIL 14TH.

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE DEPUTY GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

The King of Xolo the Prince and the Embassaders from Xolo and Mindanao attending.

The King of Xolo confirm and ratify the following Treaty of alliance agreed to in February last.

Treaty with the King & Prince of Xolo signed.

Articles of an Alliance offensive & deffensive, mutually and reciprocally agreed to between His Majesty Fernando Allamoodin King of the Island of Xolo and the dependencies thereof and His son Prince Israel, on the one Part & Dawsonne Drake Esqr. President and Deputy Governor of the Phillipine Islands and the rest of the Council thereof on behalf of the Honble United Company of Merchants of England treading to the East Indies, on the other part.

The King of Xolo and his son Prince Israel, for themselves and their successors, for ever cede to the Honble United Company of Merchants of England treading to the East Indies such part or parts of the Island of Xolo or the Territories thereon dependant, as they may chuse to erect Forts or Factories upon, and they will assist the English therein, as much as lies in their power.

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The King of Xolo, or his son Prince Israel shall have the Government of the Kingdom in the same absolute manner as their Predecessors have had the English, shall not encroach on their Prerogatives the Customs and religion of the Country shall remain as at present, nor shall be English intermedle therewith.

3D In case the English should erect Forts of Factories in the Kings Dominions, and any of the subjects of Xolo should commit a murder on the Person of an English man or any of their servants or others belonging to any such Forts or Factories the King shall cause such murder to be punished with Death and in case the Malays or other subjects of the said Kings should plunder or rob any Person or Persons belonging to the said Forts or Factories, they shall be punished according to the nature of the Crime, and in default of the King causing such Punishment to be inflicted the English shall be at Liberty to right themselves.

4 The King & Prince of Xolo fully conform in every respect, the Treaty of Commerce agreed to between Alexander Dalrymple Esq^{r}. on the part of the Honble English United East India Company & Sultan Bantilan on the part of the Xolianse.

5 The King and Prince of Xolo for themselves and their successors, grant to the English an Exclusive Trade in all their Dominions They alone shall be exempted from all Duties and their Goods whether imported or the produce of the Country shall pass to or from their Forts or Factories without examination or Controul.

6 If the King of Xolo should be attacked the English shall assist him with such Force as the situation of their affairs will admit If the English in case of their continuance at Manilha or in any other Place should acquire the assistance of the Xolians the King shall grant them such a number of men as he can spare, and the Enemies of the one, shall be considered as Enemies to the other.

In confirmation of the above articles, Fernando Allamoden King of Xolo, and his son Prince Israel on their part, have set their Hands & seals & Dawsonne Drake Esq^{r}. Deputy Governor of the Phillipine Islands and the rest of the Council thereof on the part of the East India Company have set their hands & the seal of the said Company in Manilha this 23^{d}. day of Febry. in the year of Christ 1763 or according to the Mahametan ara one thousand one hundred and seventy six.

The Governor represents to the Prince the readiness with which we have assisted him that he therefore hopes He will not forget the Friendship he now professes for the English and that he will on every occasion and in every respect assist them as far as possible.

The Prince returns the Board Thanks for the Favors they have confirred upon him and assures them he shall esteem himself happy in every opportunity he may have of convincing them just a sence he has of the obligations he has received.

The Governor then address himself to the Embassador from Xolo who assures him that he will use all his Endeavours to keep up a good correspondence with the English and he shall always number the Favours bestowed upon him.

The Mindanas Ambassador also assures the Board of his readiness to acknowledge the obligations he owes to them and that he will use all his Interest with the sultan his master to persuade him to deliver up the Fort of Samboangan or any other of the Spanish settlements on the Island to M^{r}. Durand whom in gratitude he will assist as far as in his Power and that if his master will not break with the Spaniards he will endeavour to get him to make a grant to the English of a Place for a settlement.

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The President's (*sic*) intended for them the Sultan of Mindanao & Bantilian as also the letters to the latter Princes as entered in the Book of Foreign correspondence N°. are then delivered to the respective Ambassaders.

Presents for the King of Mindanao the sultan Bantilan Prince Israel & the ambassador from Xolo and Mindanoo delivered.

Ordered that the Resident at Xolo be advises [*sic*] of 1000 Doll. lent to the Prince on his Bond which he is to pay at Xolo in the Commodities of his Country and of 500 lent to the Embassader from Mindanao on his obligation of which he promises to send Wax &ca. Productions of the Island to the Company's Resident at Xolo.

The Companys Resident at Xolo to be advised of 1000 Dollrs. lent to Prince Israel & 500 to the Mindanao ambassador which he is to send to Xolo.

The Governor lays before the Board a List of the Houses late belonging to the Augustine Fryers as follows—a List of Houses belonging to the Convent of S^{t}. Augustine 10 large Houses in the royal street including the House that was burnt.

List of Houses late belonging to the Augustine Fryers.

4 in the street called S^{t}. Lucca.
6 in the street where the Archbishop lives.
4 small ones and 2 large ones in the Parian street.
4 in S^{t}. Potenciana street.
20 large Houses in S^{t}. Laurence street and 4 small ones joining the wall.

It was likewise possessed of many small—Pieces of Ground where houses were or might be built. In all 54 Houses, which are greatly damaged and few of them inhabited.

Ordered that inquiry be made concerning them that such Spaniards as inhabit them may Pay the Rents as usual and that the others be let out as opportunities offer.

Rents of the Houses inhabited to be collected.

The Governor lays before the Board a Bill for 3 Horses purchased by Captain Faizan for the Governors European Cavalry amounting to 80 Dollars Ordered that it be paid.

Bill for three Horses purchased by order of the Governor for his Troop to be paid.

M^{r}. Smith presents to the Board a Bill for stores purchased at Cavita by M^{r}. Dodd for the Company amounting to Doll^{s}. which is ordered to be discharged.

also Bill for stores purchased.

As it is imagined that granting to M^{r}. Durand a commission will greatly encourage him and it will be attended with no expence as the Gratuity promised him was to have rendered his Pay equal to an Ensigns which will in consequence be struck off agreed that he be appointed, an Ensign of Seapoys and that he do take Rank accordingly from this Day.

M^{r}. Durand to have a Commission granted to him as Ensign of seapoys.

M^{r}. Smith Sea Customer represents to the Board that several Champans are lately arrived from China to prevent their running their goods for his Conveniency as well as safety if the Chinese it will be proper to have them landed and Deposited in the Parian in Warehouses formerly appropriated for that purpose which the Governor accordingly agrees to & will immediately give the necessary orders.

Champans to land their Goods at the Parian.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

This Consultation being laid aside and could not be found until now is entered after Consultation April 14th.

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TUESDAY 12TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

Mr. Dodd lays before the Board the following Letter.

Sir & Gentlemen

Letter from Mr. Dodd requesting an Increase of Pay.

I have closed my Accounts with the Honble Company this day and there is a Ballance in my favor of Dollrs. 1638–3–3 of my own Cash Expended.

Hitherto I have been allowed 16 Dollars a month for being Deputy Paymaster at this Place and in my accounts Captain Breretons Linguest has 15 Dollars, as he shewed me in a letter he received from Mr. Brooke I have been at a great deal of Pains, and have done my utmost to oblige and serve the Company and leave it to you Gentlemen to judge whether if I have done my Duty and the Company Justice, I do not deserve more than the Lieutenant of the Falmouth who had 50 Dollrs. per month allowed him or the Mestres in the yard who have 30.

Mr. Nodes is much Necessitated for an assistance the two Branches he has, if the Gentlemen of the Council will make me an allowance suitable to the assistance I shall be to him & the service I do the Company and not put me on the Footing of Captain Breretons servant but as a Gentlemen, I am willing to serve otherwise beg to be Excused I am

Sir & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient & most Hble. Servant

RICHD. DODD.

CAVITA
9TH. APRIL 1763.

Granted.

As Mr. Nodes represents that he cannot attend to the different Branches of his Employ agreed that Mr. Dodds Allowance be increased to 30 Dollars per month.

John Ellis Carpenter of the Falmouth serving the Comg. in the marine yard aflowed 15 Dollrs. pr. month.

John Ellis the Master Carpenter of the Falmouth having constantly attended in the Marine yard and been of great service by overseeing and checking the Malay Carpenters, agreed that 15 Dollrs. per month be granted him from the 1st. of March last.

Called before the Board promises to be careful of his business.

He is called before the Board and acquainted with the Allowance granted him on which he promises to pay the utmost attention to the business entrusted to him and to be as frugal as possible.

Master Builder repremanded for his negligence promises amendment.

The Master Builder, (a native) is then call'd in and the Board represent to him the immense Expence of the Company are put to thrō his negligence, by waste of Timber &ca. and that if he continues as careless as heretofore, they shall make choise of another Person in whom they can place more confidence. He promises to attend as closely as possible to the Companys Business and that he will by the utmost deligence and frugality in future endeavor to obtain their Protection.

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Resolution concerning the Comps. Bales to be sent to Xolo on the st. Anna.

The ship to be dispatched with the Prince to Xolo being near ready to sail The Board think it necessary to come to a resolution concerning the Bales that are to be loaded in her in case of the absence of Mr. Dalrymple to whom they were originally consigned as no Company's servant can be at present spared from this Place agreed that in Mr. Dalrymple's absence they be delivered to Mr. Thomas Kelsal or if he should likewise be absent, They think it will be eligible to have them delivered to the Prince who will pay for the whole agreeable to the Contract with Bantilan, in the Productions of his Country and in case the Prince should not be acknowledged, by his subjects at Xolo, Captain Mathews is to dispose of the Goods to Bantilan, the reigning Prince on the same terms but if he or his successors should refuse to take them he (Captain Mathews) is to endeavour to sell them as advantageously as he possibly can to the merchants of the Country.

Mr. Durand to accompany the Mindanao Ambassador to his Sultan's Court

Purport of his Instructions.

This will likewise be a favorable opportunity to send a Person with the Ambassador from the Sultan of Mindanao and the Quarter Master of the Company's Troops being recommended as a careful sober and intelligent Person and offering his services on this occasion they are accepted and ordered that Instructions be accordingly drawn out directing him to accompany the ambassader to Mindanao, and there to use his endeavors with the sultan to put him in Possession of Samboangan or any of the Spanish settlements on that Island or if he should not succeed therein to endeavour to obtain a convenient spot for a settlement near to a river if possible navigable for ships if not at least for large Champans and to take Possession thereof in a formal manner in the name of His Majesty on behalf of the Company likewise to advise him to cultivate a Friendship with the ambassader and to obtain as perfect a knowledge as he possibly can of the Country the Spanish settlements—the connections they have with the sultan or his Chiefs and to communicate any Information he may receive by every convenient opportunity recommending to him also to be careful of his conduct and in case of his executing the commission he is sent upon to the satisfaction of the Board promising him their Protection.

allowance made him.

Resolved that he be allowed 10 Pags. ℔ month as a Gratuity during his absence.

To be put under the direction of the Compys. Resident at Xolo.

Mr. Dalrymple or Kelsal recommended to proceed to Mindanao if possible.

Resolved also that he be put under the Direction of Mr. Dalrymple or Kelsal and as we are of opinion a settlement on the Island of Mindanao may hereafter prove very advantageous to our Honble master that it be recommended to one of them to proceed to the sultan or if the Exigency of the Companys affairs will not admit of their leaving Xolo to join an Intelligent Person with Mr. Durand.

Purport of a letter to Mr. Alexander Dalrymple the Company's Resident at Xolo.

Ordered that a letter be prepared to Mr. Alexr. Dalrymple or the Companys Resident at Xolo acquainting him with the taking of Manilha the Cession of the Islands of His Brittanick Majesty &ca. with the treaty between the King and Prince of Xolo and the Company of which a Copy to be sent him and desiring him to return the ship as soon as possible with the Goods he has provided with may be sent from hence to China or such Europe ships as may touch here in their way to Canton.

to be desired to send us a Copy of his agreement with Bantilan.

Ordered also that Mr. Dalrymple be requested to send the Board a Copy of his agreement with Bantilan.

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Instructions for Captn. Mathews to be prepared as well as a Letter to the king of Mindanao.

Ordered that instructions for Captain Mathews be prepared and that a letter be wrote to the sultan of Mindanao advising of the surrender of Manilha and all the Phillipine Islands and desiring him to put Mr. Durand in possession of Sambeangan &ca. Settlements after having drove out the Spaniards or if it should not be convenient to him at present to join us against the Common Enemy to beg he will grant any part of his Dominions for a Settlement for the protection of our Trade and offering him our Friendship and alliance in token of which a Present to accompany the latter.

and one to the Sultan Bantilan at Xolo.

Ordered that a Letter be likewise prepared to Bantilan the present reigning King of Xolo partly to the above Effect and to assure him of our regard and Friendship for him.

APRIL 14TH.

Dawsonne Drake Received the following Letter from the Archbishop.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR & COUNSELLOURS

In Answer to the two letters the one dated the 22d. of last month which was in answer to mine of the 20th. of the same and the other of the 25th. of March which your Excellency and the Council was pleased to send me I return an answer with the ingenuity and sincerity always professed and say that my letters for Samboangan Yloclo &ca. will not be of the least service towards Compassing the desired end and will only occasion my person and dignity to be ridiculed and contemned which I am persuaded from the many favors I stand indebted to your Excellency and your Council for neither is your intention nor would you consent to any such thing you are consious of the many Circumstances that happened since the giving up of the Islands, which put things upon a quite different footing to what they were then upon the said Cession was signed by me in Conjunction with the judges which at present is impossible to do upon account of the change of affairs the absence of some of these Persons and the disgrace of the other, and thō my letter went at present in the same manner it would only meet with disobedience and a repulse.

As to what concerns the other Letter of the 22d. I again lay before you, that both the service and respect due to their Catholick and Brittanick Majestys Obliges me to observe with the greatest strictness the chief and principal end, which is to preserve these Dominions from ruin and destruction and that there should not be any thing innovated with regard to this untill the royal will is known.

The prudence and Conduct of your Excellency and the Council well know how to give the proper weight to these considerations, and do me the justice to be persuaded that I lay them before you with the Ingenuity and sincerity which has always attached both to my Genious and Character.

I have the honor to be with the
greatest Respect &ca.

MANUEL ANTONIO *archb. of Manilha.*

MANILHA
APRIL THE 11TH. 1763.

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Sent a Letter to the Archbishop as follows.

To Don Manuel Antonio Roxo
Archbishop of Manilha.

Illustrious Sir,

We have had the honour to receive your letter of
to which we must beg leave to acquaint you that no Cartel (to our knowledge) being as yet settled between our respective sovereigns it is not in our Power to comply with your request.

With regard to the necessity of your advising the King your master of the loss of this Place we cannot help remarking since that you have had several opportunities of addressing him by our ships, and that if you embraced them, (which we have reason to think you did) He will in all Probability be much sooner advised of the Capture of these Islands than he possibly could be should your letters be dispatched by the way of Aguapuleo.

We are
Illustrious Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Council.

Manilha
14th. April 1763.

15th

Received the following Letter from the Archbishop.

Most Excellent Sir

and Council.

In answer to your Letter you honoured me with the 14th. of this month, which was an answer to mine of the 5th of the same month I have the satisfaction to lay before your Excellency and your royal Council that tho I wrote some short time ago to my sovereign in the 2 English Frigates that sailed for London, however since there are so many contingencies at so great a Distance, I thought it necessary to do it again, by the regular way of Acapule in Mr. Penons Ship in order to demand the annual relief and foment the Commerce which is in a low Condition and this must be for the publick Good, for this reason I demanded the security pass, Lisence and supplies to fit out said vessell these are the Grounds and the sence of my said Letter & your Excellence and your royal Council will please to resolve definitely what you judge most proper, I have no more to do than use my utmost endeavours and wait for the succours from divine Providence upon whose just and holy disposition depends every thing in the universe.

Manuel Antonio Roxo,
Archbishop of Manilha.

Manilha
April 15th. 1763.

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Sent the following Letter to the Archbishop as follows.

To Don Manuel Antonio Roxo
Archbishop of Manilha.

Illustrious Sir

We have been honored with your Letter of the 11th. Instant and are greatly surprized at your unwillingness to comply with the request we made you in ours of the 25th. ultimo we are quite unacquainted with any circumstances that have happened that can in any manner invalidate the Articles of the Cession of these Islands if you mean sir the negociation lately set on Foot, we meat [*sic*] beg leave to undeceive you, a verbal suspension of Arms was intended for the Island of Lucan only, which could not by any means interfere with, much less Annull the Articles of the Capitulation, Permit us to ask you, sir, whether the Governors and Alcaldes of the different Provinces & Islands, even supposing them acquainted with the Cession of the spanish Possessions to his Britannick Majesty, could be justify'd for delivering them up without your particular orders, and we persuade ourselves you will give the necessary Directions for that purpose, which if notwithstanding this our Representation you should still refuse, we cannot but look upon it, as a Deviation from the Engagements solemnly entered into with General Draper.

If when you mention our Letter of the 25th. you again allude to our forming Alliances with the neighbouring Princes, we are concerned you put us to the disagreeble necessity of remarking to you, that we apprehend you cannot with any Property interfere therewith, and especially in the present Conjuncture, for while Mr. Anda and his Faction continue in Arms, he alone must be accountable, for whatever bad Consequences may result therefrom.

We are with respect & Esteem
Illustrious sir

Your most obedient Humble Servants

Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Council.

Manilha
April 15th. 1763.

Signed the following Letter to Mr. Alexander Dalrymple Resident at Xolo.

To Alexander Dalrymple Esqr. Resident at Xolo
in his Absence.

To Thomas Kelsal Esqr.
or in the absence of both.

To Mr. Edmund Mathews.

Sir,

War having been declared against Spain General Draper was immediately sent to India, with Orders from the Majesty for setting on Foot an Expetion against the Phillipine Islands of which he was appointed to have the Command on shore, in consequence thereof Admiral Cornish with 8 ships of the Line, 3 Frigates, 2 Storeships, the Ossterly & Essex Indiamen, left Madras in August last, having on Board the 79th. Regiment, with some Company's Troops Artillery &ca. the 23rd. September they arrived in this Bay, immediately summoned the Governor to surrender the Town, and on his refusal our Troops were the next Day landed & the 3d. of the following month, a Battery was opened which in 3 Days made a Practicable Breach in the S.E. Bastion, and the 6th. in the

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morning, the Town was taken by Assault, the Archbishop /the late Governor/, and Principal Inhabitants, who had retired into the Citadel, immediately capitulated The Conditions with the Cession of the Phillipinne Islands to His Brittannick Majesty, are inclosed, you will thereby perceive, that the sum of 4 million of Dollrs. was to be paid to the Captors one third whereof was assigned to the Company, to reimburse them for the Charges of the Expedition, a very small part, has however as yet been received, the Treasure of the Phillippina Galleon, that arrived last year from Aguapulco, & out of which they promised to pay the money not having been delivered up, agreable to the Articles of the Capitulation.

The 2d. of November General Draper agreable to the Instructions he received from His Majesty delivered over the Government to us, who were deputed to receive it on behalf of the Honble Company, and embarked soon after in the Seahorse Frigate for England, which was dispatched with an Account of our success. All the Phillipine Islands are indeed, ceded to us, but the Conquest even on this, is far from being compleat Senor Simon Anda/one of the Judges of the royal Audience/ and many other Spaniards having left the Town, the night before it was stormed, the first has set himself up as Captn. General, & assisted by the Fryars who have been very active on this occasion, has collected large bodies of Indians in the Provinces. In November they assembled at Pasig with the design of cutting off the Provisions, we received from the Lake, this induced us to send a Detachment against them under the Command of Captn. Bachhoun who notwithstanding their superiority in Numbers soon dispersed them, they next gathered at Bulacan, the Church of which they fortify'd, a Party was march'd against them under Captn. Sleigh, who took the Church by Assault, and the Dependants to the number of near 400 thrō their obstinacy were all put to the sword, among these were 3 Fryers found in Arms, and several Spaniards since this Check they have remained very quit, but Mr. Andas Influence is far from decreasing, most of the Provinces having put themselves under his Direction, we have however not any reason to fear our being able to defend Manilha, Cavita &ca. althō our present Forces will not admit of extending our Conquests.

The Squadron sailed the 2d. March with The company's ships Essex & Albion leaving with us the Falmouth of 50 Guns & Seaford Frigate the Falmouth is since gone to Palapa in quest of the Phillippina.

We are concerned to acquaint you, that the Honble Company's Ship the royal Captain that was dispatched to you from Fort St. George in August last, fell too Leeward of Hole, & bore away for China Her Bails were brought here by the Essex and Albion /who touched here in their homeward bound voyage in order to take the benefit of Admiral Cornish's convoy thro the Streights of Sunda/which are now consigned to you on the St. Anna. The Invoice afid [*sic*] Bill of Lading are inclosed 50 Cavans of Rice having been put on board more than the Ships Company have occasion for you will be pleased to dispose of it and carry it to the Companys Account.

The King and Prince of Xola tired of Spanish Controul, threw of their yoke, and put themselves under our Protection at the attack of Pasig where they had retired. They have since made us very Considerable Offers, when we declined accepting, untill we could see or hear from you—At length dispairing of your arrival The King offering to us Terms very advantageous to the Company, and such as would not interfere with, but rather confirm your Treaty with the Sultan Bantilan, and having also brought before us, the Embassader with a Letter from the usurper, & Dato's or Chiefs of the Island of Xolo, inviting either of them to the Governments, we have entered with them into an Alliance offensive, and Defensive, of which N. in the Packet is Copy, and the Prince

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accordingly proceeds by this opportunity we faller [*sic*] ourselves, that a very extensive & Profitable Commerce will hereby be opened with the Adjacent Islands, and that many real and great Advantages, will here from result to our Honble Masters.—

We have advanced to Prince Israel the sum of 1,000 Dol^{r}. for which he is to pay you in the goods of his Country.

We have also advanced to the Mindanao Ambassador the sum of 500, in Exchange for which he engages to send to you Commodities proper for the China Market.

The Mindanao Ambassader having given us reason to hope, that an Alliance may be formed with the Sultan his Master, we now send M^{r}. Durand with a Letter to him, offering him our Friendship, and desiring him to assist us in taking possession of Samboangan, a Copy of our Letter is inclosed, we have put M^{r}. Durand under your Orders. As Establishing a Commerce with the Mindanaons, would be very advantageous to the Company, and in case of our Settleing there they might Join us against the Spaniards, we think if M^{r}. Kelsal, could possibly be spared from Xolo, his proceeding thither might greatly facilitate such Treaty, should the Sultan give up to us any of the Spanish Settlements, we must request you, or M^{r}. Kelsal, to proceed thither, formally to take Possession, the Company having recommended it, as the Object most worthy of Attention. If the Necessity of the service will not permit either of you to leave Xolo, and you have any intelligent Person you can spare we bid you will send him in Company with M^{r}. Durand.

As we have no Copy of your Agreement with Bantilan, you will be pleased to send us one by the first Opportunity.

We have taken up this Ship at Freight, for 3,000 Dollars to the end of July, whatever Goods you have therefore provided, you will load her with, as we shall undoubtedly have Opportunities of sending them, in such of the Company's Ships as may call here in their way to China, but we must desire you, not to detain her any considerable time, as she might in such case, loose her Passage back, and will from the 31st. of that month be on Demorage.

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&^{CA}. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
APRIL 11TH. 1763.

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AT A CONSULTATION

SUNDAY APRIL 17TH.

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE DEPUTY GOVR. President.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

Received the following Letter from the Archbishop.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR,

Letter from the Archbishop again requesting to be excused from Granting letters to the Govrs. of the Provinces.

The Honble Letter your Excellency and your Council pleased to write me dated 16th. of this month, in answer to mine of the 11th. of the same, would oblige me to repeat the reasons & grounds which I laid before you in the said Letter, with regard to that desired for Samboangan, Yloyto &ca. did not I consider that this was unnecessary upon Account of said grounds and reasons, being so clear, & both your Excellencys & the Counsellour's capacity so great, that they will know how to give them the proper weight.

I only reply to the question made me in said Letter & beg your Excellency's leave to answer it with this other Question, Whither the Alcaldes and Governors of said Place, will upon my Letter obey, & give up the aforesaid Places, not being the same Persons who were named by me, but others who have fresh orders, Whither my Letter signed by me alone would be of any weight, whereas the surrender made, was signed by me, and the Royal Audience, should I dispatch a Letter contrary to the form of the cession dictated by General Draper, in two Letters relating to this Subject.

I am well acquainted with said Letters, & of the cession made in virtue of them, & upon these terms, and after this manner, was everything finished, because signed by me, & the Judges, in said Letters was not required nor could be required, the delivering up the Islands which was not in my Power to do, neither was there any order, by which alone it could be called for, after the manner it was required which was by the Judges signing at that time there was an opportunity which no longer subsists after so long a time, and upon Account of the different circumstances I layed before you.

I observe as a rule both of my concience and honor, to comply with my Parole, and the ingenuity I profess, which I have so many arguments to confirm, in all the cases that happened since this lamentable accident, and I understand that by not conforming to the terms of the surrender, is to be wanting to them & I think said Letter cannot be required from me, neither is it doing me Justice, to think I swerve or in any shape depart from what has been stipulated, for which reason I hope, from the high comprehension of your Excellency and the Council. That youl in this particular, not do me any favour, but serict justice, if it were no more than upon Account of the Letters from General Draper, relating to the cession.

This prudent General, would with greater reason say at present, what Admiral Cornish said, when the Squadrs. was here, and ready to depart, which was, that he would be satisfyed, to preserve Manilha, and Cavita, and that as to the rest, the Spaniards of Pampanga might Govern, so they did not molest him nor disturb the villages, & I am persuaded your Excellency, and the Councellours, will be of the same opinion. when you consider the present circumstances.

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As to what regards the offensive, and defensive Alliance with Xolo, I only insist upon what I have already laid before you, and repeat that concerning the preservation of the Islands, avoiding their destruction & the havock among the Inhabitants, it must be answered to God & the Kings.

MANUEL ANTONIO
Archbishop of Manilha.

MANILHA
APRIL 16TH. 1763.

Resolutions of the Board on the above.

The Board are in some measure convinced by the Archbishop's reasons, all the Avidores, being absent except Mr. Villucortee, & he imprisoned for male Practices, there are no officers to represent the King of Spain, without which, any orders the Archbishop might issue would hardly be obeyed, besides he now informs the Board, that the Governors & Alcaldes have been changed by Senor Anda, and this has been confirmed since the last letter wrote by them to the Archbishop, it is therefore unecessary to press him any farther, and agreed in consequence, that an authentick copy of the cession of the Islands, properly attested by his Secretary and the Interpreter, which he offers, be accepted.

Instructions to Capt. Mathews.

The Prince of Xolo being on board the St. Anna, the following Instructions to Captn. Mathews and Mr. Durand, are now delivered to the latter.

To MR. EDMUND MATHEWS.

SIR,

We have appointed you to take the Command of the Ship Sta. Anna with the monthly Pay of 10 Dollars, and the accustomed Priviledges for yourself & officers.

You are immediately to repair on Board, and proceed with the utmost Expedition to Xolo, where you are to deliver your cargo to Mr. Alexander Dalrymple, the Honble Company's Resident at that place, or in his Absence to Mr. Thomas Kelsall, & in the absence of both of them, to Prince Israel, who is to give you in Barter, Becheeder Mir & other Productions of the Islands, but in case the Prince should not be acknowledged at Xolo, and neither of the abovementioned gentlemen are present, you are then to offer them to Bantilian the present reigning Prince, on the Terms of the contract made between him & Mr. Dalrymple, in the year 1761, & if he should refuse to take them you are then to dispose of them to the best Advantage; in which case, as a consideration for your Trouble, we shall make you an acknowledgement on your return.

We have not any copy of the agreement between Mr. Dalrymple & the Sultan Bantilan, but the Terms in General are, that the Sultan & the Chiefs of Xolo have engaged to receive a Cargo of Coast Goods, at 100 ℔ cent on the Madras Price, and to pay for the same at that rate in Birds Nests Beecheede Mir &ca. which he engaged also should sell at Canton for cent per Cent on the Xolo Price It is on these conditions, in case the Prince Israel is not acknowledged, and the Company's Residents are absent, that you are to offer the Cargo to Sultan Bantilan, and on his refusal of them, you are to Barter them for such Goods, as will fetch the best Price in China, and the least liable to remain on hand, in which you will be guided by the Canton Price Current, enclosed in the Letter to Mr. Dalrymple.

You are to enquire whether there are any Goods belonging to the Company at Xolo, and if there are, you will bring them hither. A Chinese proceeds with you, who being well acquainted with the Quality of the Goods to be received in Barter to you therein, & we recommend to you to have them examined by him, before you receive them.

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Prince Israel being Invited to the Government of Xolo, takes his Passage on your ship, as do also the Ambassador from Xolo & Mindanao, with their servants, we must desire you to treat them with the utmost civility, as much depends on giving them favorable Impressions of us.

If the Company's Agents, or either of them, are at Xolo, you are to put yourself under their orders, but you are if possible to endeavor to return in July, as the ship will from the 31st. of that month, be on Demorehage.

Altho the Malays are very treacherous, they seldom attempt putting their Designs into Execution, untill they have lulled every one into a state of Security, while you are therefore on your Guard, you will have little reason to apprehend them, notwithstanding the Number of your Malay Marines, exceed that of the Malabars in consequence we recommend to you, to keep the Arms in a secure place, and to have a centinel watch over them.

We wish you a good voyage and are

SIR

Your most humble Servants

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&ca. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
10TH. APRIL 1763.

To Mr. JOHN DURAND.

We have appointed you to accompany the Ambassador from Mindanao to his Court, you are therefore to repair on board the St. Anna, and proceed to Xolo, where you are to put yourself under Mr. Alexander Dalrymple the Company's Resident at that Place, or in his absence Mr. Thomas Kelsal, either of whose orders for your further proceedings you are strictly to observe.

Should neither of those Gentlemen be present you are then in Company with the Ambasador to repair to Mindanao, where you are to endeavor to cultivate a Friendship with the Sultan his master, you are to represent to him the Power, Justice, and Generosity, of the English nation, and the success which has always attended their Arms. You are to endeavor to persuade him, to put you in Possession of Samboangan, after dispossessing the Spaniards thereof, or of any other of their Settlements at Mindanao, which you are to receive in a formal manner, in the name of His Britannick Majesty, on behalf of the East India Company, or provided he should not be willing to undertake this service for the Company, you are then to try whether you can possibly induce him to grant to them, any convenient spot, whereon they may erect a Fort or Factory, for the security of their Trade, If you in either case succeed, you are to hoist the English colours, with a Declaration agreable to the enclosed Form.

You are to use your utmost endeavors, to acquire a perfect Knowledge of the Country, the soil, the rivers, the Harbours, & the Productions of the Island, as well as of all the Spanish Settlements, Forts, their strength, connections &ca., and if the Sultan will grant us any Land, you most strive to get it at, or near a river, if possible a navigable one for ships, if not at loast (*sic*) for large, Champans.

Unacquainted as we are with the nature of the Country, or the situation of Affairs on that Island, it is impossible for us to lay down positively rules for your Direction, much will therefore depend on your discretion; we in consequence flatter ourselves you will pay the utmost Attention to the commission on which we send you, and that in order to succeed, you will endeavor to gain the Esteem of the Ambassader with whom you are to go.

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We have wrote to the Sultan, and Gandao his Ambassader, we have already charged him with a Present to his master, a Copy of our Letters is inclosed.

You are to take every opportunity of informing us, and the Company's Resident at Xolo, with your proceedings; as well as with the Nature of Affairs at Mindanao, which we hope you will endeavor, by all means, to acquaint yourself with.

We have agreed to allow you, exclusive of your monthly Pay, a Gratuity of 10 Pagodas ℔ month, and you may be assured, that if your Conduct meets with Approbation, it will be taken particular notice of, and you will be recompensed according to your merit.

We wish you Success, and are your humble Servants

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
APRIL 14TH. 1763.

TO MR. JOHN DURAND.

Since your Instructions were closed, the Governor & Council, have appointed you an Ensign of seapoys, consequently the Gratuity mentioned therein ceases.

M La Bonte, is to accompany you as an Assistant, with the salary of 8 Pags. Pr. month, including his Pay.

By order of the Governor & Council.

DAWSONNE DRAKI

Enclosed is an attested Copy of the Cession of the Islands to H. B. Majesty. Frans. Jourdan Secy.

APRIL 16TH. 1763.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 20TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE DEPUTY GOVR. President.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

Received the following Letters from Captain Richard Bishop, and the Revd. Padre sierra.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Letter from Captn. Bishops

I received your Letter and am much obliged to you for the Translation, as yet I have had no further News I shall take all the precaution possible, to secure the yard and shiping.

I will enquire into the complaint against the Justice Major, and acquaint you of it; but I have no good opinion of him, the Captn. of St. Rogue tells me he is not to be trusted. I do assure you he is so dilatory in doing Justice to people I send to him, that I am obliged to do it myself, in short none of the Inhabitants chuse to go to him for Justice. I believe the Captn. of St. Aroque

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to be steady in his intentions, and I'll assist him all in my Power. I have presented him the Cane, Firelocks &ca. for which he returns his best thanks and sincere good wishes.

The sooner the Accoutrements for the seapoys are sent the better, the Chinam is not arrived for want of which we are idle.

Mr. Roberts will write to you concerning 39 men that want to enter on board the Galley. I have the List of their names, and shewed it to the Captn. of St. Aroque, and he assures me you may trust them, as they are all good men; he desires none might be entered without his Knowledge. I shall acquaint you, of every thing which happens worthy your notice.

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

RICHD. BISHOP

CAVITA
APRIL 15TH. 1763.

HONBLE SIR,

It is a Custom & law among the Dominican Fryars, to come together every four years, in order to elect a new Prelate or Superior, to Govern the Province in spirituals, and treat about the preservation of our regular Decipline: as the time is now at hand, I humbly request your Lordship will please to give me leave to go, in Company with the other religious men of my order, who have a vote in said elections; such as father Mathew Villafana, Vicar of the Parian, father Francis Cassos Perior of the Convent of St. Domingo, and myself, which I shall be obliged to your Lordship for &ca. to the Province of Pangasinax.

Letter from Padre sierra requests leave to preceed to Pangasinan.

Peter Lewis de Sierra.

MANILHA
APRIL 17TH. 1763.

The Province of Pangasinan is reported to be wavering, it would of course be very impolitick, to suffer a Person of Padres Sierras Capacity, to proceed thither, and especially, as it is contrary to reason to imagine, that he would not endeavor, either to reconcile them to the Spanish Government, or to prevent their Joining the English, The Board therefore cannot, by any means, comply with his request.

not granted.

The following report from Committee of Accounts laid before the Board.

Report of the Committee of Accounts.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

In obedience to your appointment, we have met as a Committee of Accounts, and after a due Examination of those already laid before us, we esteem it our Duty to present you with the few following Remarks.

In the account given in by the Paymaster of Pasig for the month of December last, we observe a charge of one Rupee per Day, for a Serjeant major of the Honble Company's Troops, serving as an Interpreter to Captn. Backhouse as we apprehend that he is drawn for, in the General Account of Batta for the

Remark 1st on accounts of the Paymaster of Pasig.

Detachment to which he belongs, we think it needful to point it out to you, as an Extraordinary charge, more especially, as it has been continued to him thró the following months.

2D. In the same Account, and those for the following months of January and February, we find a continued charge of 5 coolies each Day, for attending upon Captn. Backhouse; althó it appears to us, very probable, that these coolies may have been employed on the Public Business, yet as the charge is for attendance upon Captn. Backhouse, and we believing that, to be an unprecedented Allowance, we conclude it to be our Duty to take notice of it here.

3D. In the abovementioned Pasig Accounts for the month of December last, Two several Articles for Charges of Hospital are Entered, the first amounting to Dolls. 1/4–2 and the second to Dolls. 48—As we apprehend, that the number of sick at that Place, must have been but very inconsiderable, as both Charges are in General very Indeterminate, and as some of the Articles appear to us highly improbable, we, upon the whole, humbly apprehend, that they merit a more particular explanation.

4TH. Notwithstanding what we have just been obliged to observe, with regard to the article of Charges Hospital, we find in the following month of January, that Mr. King has been paid the sum of Dollrs. 51–7 upon the same account as the reasons for remarking upon this voucher, are equally strong with those we have just mentioned above, We the Liberty, Gentlemen, to recommend it, with the former, to your notice.

Remark 5th. In the month of February, we observe that Lieutenant Bonjour, then occasional Commandant of Pasig, was paid the sum of 25 Dollars for a Charge made by him for Arrack and Dispatches; As we believe there is no extraordinary Allowance of that kind intended by you we cannot help being of opinion, that a more satisfactory Explanation ought to be given.

6TH. Before we finish those few remarks upon the Accounts of Pasig we cannot help observing, that ever since the Commencement of the Expedition to that Place, the Serjeant Major of the Detachment, belonging to His Majesty's 79th. Regement, as also the Sergeant Major of the Detachment of seapoys there, have been paid their Batta at the rate of 1 Rupee per Day each as we believe this to have been one of the retrenchments lately made in the Military List by the Presidency, we think it necessary, Gentlemen, to submit the continuance of it to your consideration.

7TH. Paymaster at Manilha. In the Accounts of the Paymaster of Manilha for the several months, we have Examined, we observe an allowance has been made, monthly to the Adjutants and Quartermasters for Candles—As we believe that this has been abolished, sometime ago by the Presidency, we conclude it to be our Duty to take notice of it to you.

8TH. In the said accounts for the month of February last, we cannot avoid observing that the Quantity of Oil expended for the use of the Garrison, in that month, appears to us to be extremely large, being no less than 562 Jarrs. If we are rightly informed, a great deal less than that quantity is fully sufficient for the use of those, for whom, we apprehend, it is designed we humbly suggest, therefore, whether it merits not the particular regulations of your Board, what Persons have, or have not a right to use oil, at the Publick Expence.

Remarks 9th. In the same month, we find an Account paid to Mr. Fyal, wherein, amongst other Charges very General, we observe a Charge of 40 Dollars and six reals, said to be paid by him to the Chinse, without assigning any more explicite Reason for the disturbing a sum, which we cannot help thinking merits Particulars. As we imagine the omission of this observation wou'd be very remote from mercantile Correctness, we cannot avoid making it, and, at the same time observing that, in our humble opinion, the whole Account very evidently requires a more ample Illustration.

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The few foregoing Observations, Gentlemen, are all that we have found absolutely necessary to be made, in Examining the Publick Accounts up to the beginning of March last, the Propriety of them is now submitted, with great deference, to your consideration.

As we are informed that you have found it necessary to resolve that the accounts of the Military Storekeeper are not now to be brought upon the General Books we should be glad to know whether the Examination of them falls with propriety at this time under our cognizance.

We are with great respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and most humble servants

HENRY PARSONS.
RICHARD FYFE.
QUINTIN CRAUFURD.

MANILHA
11TH. APRIL 1763.

With regard to the first remark, as the Serjeant at Pasig acts as Interpreter to Captain Backhouse, and he is sometimes obliged to place great Confidence in him, the allowance is to be continued. Ordered that the Secretary do call upon Mr. Nodes, late Paymaster at Pasig, to explain the extraordinary charges mentioned in the 2d. 3d. 4th. and 5th. Paragraphs of the above report.

Resolutions in consequence.

The Board are of opinion that there should be but one Serjeant Major to every Corps, yet as the Man acting as such at Pasig, has much trouble, and the times are still precarious, it is to be refered to the Decision of the Commandant.

The Charge of Oil and Candles, to the Quarter Masters and Adjutants, the Paymaster formerly remarked to the Board, when the Commandant, then present, declared it to be absolutely necessary.

Ordered that the Paymaster do particularly enquire, concerning the number of Lamps and lights absolutely necessary, and make proper regulations for the delivery of it, that this Charge may be reduced as low as possible.

Mr. Faillet having disbursed money on the Company's Account, on our first arrival here, he is not to concern himself in future, with any of the Company's Business.

The Military Storkeepers Accounts to be carried to the General Books, consequently to be examined by the Committee.

Military Storekeepers Accounts to be carried to the General Books.

The Paymaster presents a Bill from Mr. Jourdan for Acting as Assistant paymaster during the seige amounting to at 4 Spanish Doll. ℔ Day, Pay and Batta at 4 R%74 Dollars Ordered it to be paid.

Bills presented by the Paymaster.

The Paymaster also tenders in a Bill for 2 Horses amounting to Dolls. 50, and for another pair 40 Dollars for the Seapoy Cavalry, Ordered that they be discharged.

Mr. Nodes representing the necessity he is under of having a Serjeant of Artillery to assist him in taking care of the Military Stores agreed that he be allowed one with the Pay of 15 Rupees ℔ month.

Artillery Serjeant to be allowed to Mr. Nodes at 15 Rupees per month.

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The Corrigidor delivers in his Bill for Boats &ca. from last December.

Ordered that it do lie on the Table, and that in future all Bills from him or the Chinese be delivered in before the 15th. of the ensuing month.

Garrison Storekeepers Accounts to be delivered in monthly, with account Issues, and Remains.

Ordered also that the Garrison Storekeeper do deliver in monthly an Account sales and Account remains of Grain in the Garrison Storehouses.

Mr. John Miller appointed Ensign of seapoys.

Captain Flint having occasion for another Officer of Seapoys, and Mr. John Miller late Drill Serjeant in the 79th. being recommended as a Diligent good man, Ordered that a Commission be immediately prepared dated this Day.

Second representation of Mr. Smith on the Sea Customer's Employ.

Mr. Smith Sea Customer, acquaints the Board that, notwithstanding his representations to them on the Place proper for the Custom House, & the Governors Directions, the Chinese still persist in refusing to land their Goods, at any other than St. Fernanda, and that if such a liberty is granted to them he cannot possibly attend to the Employ with the care it requires. The Majority of the Board cannot conceive this obstinacy to proceed from any other Design than to run part of their Cargoes in for the private views of the Cavissila. As the Parian is therefore in every respect convenient They are of opinion that the Chinese should not be permitted to land their Goods any where else.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

MONDAY 25TH APRIL 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE DEPUTY GOVR. President.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

Captain Flint delivers in the following Proposals for feeding the Horses of the Sepoy Cavalry.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Captn. Flints Proposals for feeding the Horses of the seapoy Cavalry accepted.

Having been informed by your Secretary that fresh Proposals for feeding the Troop of Horse will be accepted by the Board, I am willing therefore to D. R. contract for them at the rate of 5. 7 ℔ Horse and to find them in Paddy Grass, Physick, & Horsekeepers, which I flatter myself you'l think reasonable, & am with respect.

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt. Hble. Servt.

WILLIAM FLINT.

MANILHA
APRIL 23D. 1763.

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As they are not unreasonable and the only that are offered agreed that they be accepted.

All Bills to be certify'd. by the Correjidor & Paid by the Paymaster.

Ordered that in future the Correjidor do certify Bills for all Persons monthly employed on the Company's Account and that they be referr'd to the Paymaster as Mr. Kennedy is only to pay for Boats &ca. Contingent Charges.

The Treasury remaining low The Board think it will be advisable to sell off part of the Plate and the Governor is accordingly desired to enquire at what rate the Chinese will purchase it.

The Govr. to enquire at what Price the Chinese will purchase Plate.

The Board being acquainted that Don Pedro and Don Blas living in Houses lately belonging to the Augustine Fryers are indebted to them for the rent for some time past, Ordered that it be demanded.

Enquiry to be made concerning Don. Pedro the Augustine Fryer.

Mr. Brodie having desired that salt Fish & Beef may be sent for the People belonging to the Boats in the Lake ordered that the Necessary Directions be given to Mr. Parsons the Garrison Storekeeper.

Salt Beef & Fish to be sent to the Boats in the Lake.

The Paymaster lays before the Board the following Letter received from Mr. Dodd on the subject of the Expences at Cavita.

To Henry Brooke Esqr.

Sir,

As the Board require from me an Account of what was performed by the workmen in Cavita in the month of March 1763 before they can pass my Accounts, I herewith enclose you the best I am able to give of the manner they were employed.

Letter from Mr. Dodd to Mr. Brooke accounting for the great charges at Cavita.

As I was a stranger to these Accounts, & know not it was required to be so particular untill I received your orders the beginning of this month at which time I began to make separate Charges of every thing and for the future you may depend on having very distinct accounts on what service each particular Class of men are employed, and what Progress they make that the Board may be able to Judge whether they do their Duty or answer the End they Employ them for.

I am with great respect

Sir

Your most obedt. & most Hble. Servt.

Richard Dodd.

Manilha
26th. April 1763.

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An account of Work performed by the Artificers Employed in the Marine yard at Cavita on account of the Honble East India Company in March 1763. The quarter Galleys compleately repaired and Carriered.

The large Old Galley Do. Do. fit for the sea being before very defective. The Defects of the Sloop Pasig repaired her mast removed farther aft & new Booms, yards, & sails made for her. The Building the New Galley, or the stocks carry'd on. The Speedwell Galley altering to a Brig.

Engineers men Employed stockading the Citadel & Marine yard & Repairing the Fortifications and fitting up Apartments for the officers in the Citadel & Porta Vaga, Transporting Cannon from the out works to the Fort, Repairing old carriages and making new ones, & collecting the Military Stores into the Citadel.

Mr. Sprats Bill for Drams furnished to the soldiers by order to be examin'd.

The Paymaster presents to the Board Mr. Spratts Bill for Arrack furnished the soldiers of the Garrison.

Company's Arrack to be sold out.

Ordered that it be compar'd with the rolls of each Company and that Enquiry be made concerning the price.

Ordered also that from the 1st. of next month the Company's Arrack be served out & that Mr. Parsons be advised thereof also that Mr. Spratt be acquainted that he is not to serve out any more.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

APRIL 29TH. Returned His Majestys Ship Falmouth with the Falmouth Brig. from Patapa.

30TH. Arrived the Company's Sloop Pasig Mr. Saulnier.

MAY 1ST. Sailed the Company's Brig. to Batangas.

MONDAY 2ND.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

Read the following Letter from Captn. Flint.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR & COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

Letter from Captn. Flint.

The Seapoys which have for some time past composed the Troop of Horse have requested of me to represent to you, the hard Duty which falls to their share by being obliged to act in a double Capacity & liable to be sent on all Detachments both as Horse & Foot as the nature of the service may require which has happened several times as well as to see that their Horses are not

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neglected and their double Accoutrements taken care of and fit for service perswading themselves therefore you will take it into Consideration & allow them some small addition to their present Allowance as you may think they merit.

I am with respect
Gentlemen
Your most obedt. Hble. Servant
WILLIAM FLINT.

MANILHA
APRIL 28TH. 1763.

As there are but a few seapoys mounted and as they have very hard Duty and are very usefull, agreed that they have an Additional Allowance of 1 Dollr. ℔ month.

Seapoy Cavalry allowed 1 Dollar ℔ Month.

Ordered that a Number of Cloaks &ca be made, against the rainey season and that they always be hung up in the Guard rooms, for such Europeans and Seapoys as go the rounds at Night.

Cloaks to be made up for the Europeans & Seapoys that go the Rounds.

Mr. Sprats Bill for the Drams having been exmained ordered to be paid.

Mr. Sprats Bill passed.

Ordered that the Corregidor do deliver in a particular Account of all the revenues arising from the Parian.

Ordered that the New Galley be immediately finished and that no other work be carry'd on in the Marine yard except putting a new mast to the Galley lately repaired.

New Galley to be finished.

Mr. Smith tenders to the Board Bills received from Mr. Dodd for Captors Stores supplied the Company's sloop, Galley &ca.

Mr. Dodds Bill for Captors.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

to lay on the Table.

Captn. Horn lays before the Board a Bill for feeding the Horses belonging the Artillery for Janry, Febry. March & April Dolls. 888. Ordered that it be paid.

Captn. Horn's Bill for feeding the Artillery Horses to be paid.

Captn. Horn delivers in also A Bill for Dollrs. 75–1–10 paid by order of the Governor to the Artillery men of the Honble Company to make their shares of the last Dividend equal to those of His Majestys military they not sharing with them in the Gertruda Prize.

Bill presented by Captn. Horn for the difference between the Prize money of the Kings & Company's Artillery Men.

As it occasioned much Discontent was paid to them to prevent Desertion one of their best men of that Corps having eloped on this occasion and amounts to a small sum, ordered that it be discharged.

Reasons for paying it.

Mr. Smith Sea Customer lays before the Board a Letter requesting leave to resign that Employ for the following reasons.

Letter from Mr. Smith on the Sea Customers House being fixed by the Governor at St.Fernando desires leave to resign his Employ.

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To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Our Instructions from the Presidency of Fort St. George having recommended to us to settle & Collect the Customs of this Port in the same manner and footing as they are at that Place Agreable thereto you some time ago ordered in Consultation all Goods except necessarys of Life that should be Imported after the first day of March last should pay the same Customs as those received at Madras, and at the same time were pleased to appoint me Sea Customer in order to carry the said orders into Execution, Two Champans having lately arrived from China, I accordingly began to act in my said Employ by ordering the Cabacillia of the Chinese Parian who had usually acted under the Sea Customer in affairs of this Nature to acquaint the masters of the said Champans to send me immediately manifests of their Cargoes as it is practised at Madras which after making some Difficulties and delays they complied with but as I was well acquainted with the Chicanery of the Chinese, I thought it highly necessary to fix on some convenient Place as a Custom House where their Goods might be landed and deposited till a regular Account could be taken of them to prevent frauds &ca. on enquiry I found no Place so proper as that formerly used as such by the Spaniards before St. Fernando was built being close to the River side in the Parian which is the only mart for Goods and near the Guard Fort Consequently very secure both for the merchant and the Persons employed to collect the Duties; I accordingly desired the Corrigidore to prepare that Place for this purpose and ordered the masters of the Champans to land their Goods there, but this they delayed doing several Days under some frivolous pretence or other upon which I applied to the Governor to inforce my orders acquainting him with my reasons for it which he said he would do, but they still neglecting to comply therewith I again applied to the Governor who then told me the masters of the Champans did not chuse to land their Goods where I had directed them pretending that it would be very inconvenient to them, & that they wou'd unlade at no other Place but St. Fernando or esle [*sic*] they wou'd return, which much surprized me as that Place was built within a few years past as a kind of Custom House and Prison, by the Instigation and superstition of the Priests to prevent Infidels having any Communication with the Catholicks, to keep them under great restraint they being usually lock'd up every Night and for the emolument of the Government and of some Private Persons who made them pay exorbitant Rents for their Warehouses, as well as very inconvenient being on the other side of the river and near a mile distant by land either from the City or Parian & was constantly looked upon by them as a great hardship all which I represented to you in Council and that therefore I could only attribute their refusal to a Contrivance of the Cabacillea of the Chinese to serve some private views, besides that it would be extreamly inconvenient to me by the distance it was off, or be obliged to cross the river which would render it impossible for me to give the necessary Attendance to prevent fraudulent Practices, besides very dangerous in the present circumstances of Affairs, apprized as you are Gentlemen of the treacherous Designs of the Enemy to cutt us off being situated in a very bad neighbourhood where several of our men have been already murdered & where even the Indian Enemy have several times approached, It was therefore adjudged by the majority of the Council that St. Fernando was a very improper Place and that the Champans should unlade at the Place I had prepared for them notwithstanding which a few Hours after I received a Note from the Governor acquainting me that he had ordered the Champans to unload at St. Fernando and desiring to know whether I would assist there as Sea Customer or not that he might take measures accordingly in consequence of which I waited on him acquainted him I could not undertake that Employ if he persisted in that resolution for the above reasons as I thought I could not

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execute it with Justice to the Company or safety to myself & which I now beg leave to repeat to you Gentlemen, and at the same time request you will permit me to resign the said Employ.

I am with respect
Gentlemen
Your most obed^{t}. Hble. Servant

JOHN LEWIN SMITH.

MANILHA
27TH. APRIL 1763.

The Governor acquaints M^{r}. Smith that he will consider the subject and give in an answer thereto.

The Governor reads the Cash Account for last month, as entered hereafter.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

THE HONBLE COMPANY'S CASH.

Dr. 180		Dollars.	R.	B.			Cr.		
1763	To Balance brot. from last Months Account	1,08,926	2	2	1763	By Account Current London advanced Don Manuel Antonio De Roxo late Govr. of Manilha for the subsistence of the Royal Spanish officers Civil & Military for Bills on the royal Treasury of Madrid.	3,650	—	—
	To Madeira Wine 56 Pipes at 160 Dollr. ℔ Pipe	8,960	—	—		By the Export Warehousekeeper advanced John Lewin Smith for the Charges of his Employ	2,000	—	—
	To Error in Account having debited the Paymaster the 13th. of January for Dollrs 3,552—4 whereas he received only 2,552—4 the difference is ..	1,000	—	—	9th.	By the Military Storekeeper advanced him for the charges of his Employ viz., Hy. Parsons	1,000	—	—
							6,650	—	—
						By Ballance carried to next months account.	1,12,236	2	2
	Dollars ..	1,18,886	2	2		Dollars ..	1,18,886	2	2

MANILHA 30TH. APRIL.
ERRORS EXCEPTED.

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Arrived a Champan from Illocos. May 3d.

Received the following report of Cavita from Mr. Engineer Stevenson. Do.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr.
Deputy Governor &ca. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen,

I have persuant to your orders been at Cavita & find most of what I proposed & you approved of some time ago, put in execution, but must own I am greatly astonished at the extravagent Charges of Fortifications & repairs of that Garrison I ask'd Mr. Alegre for his Accounts but he refer'd me to Mr. Dodd the Purser of the Falmouth, who he says kept them as he paid the Artificers and for all materials, There are a great many Artificers employed and making new Carriages which is a very great addition to the Expences there, and is not essentially necessary, as both Captn. Horne and myself examined the Carriages on the ramparts & are of opinion they will be sufficient without making any new ones, & if about 20 Carpenters & 12 Smiths are kept in constant Pay they will be enough to keep them in good repair, & do what other casual services may be wanted in the Garrison—In the Marine yard I saw nothing going forward but a Galley that was fitting up as a Brigantine, & two Boats, the one building the other repairing.

I am very respectfully
Gentlemen
Your most obedient & most Humble Servant

William Stevenson.

Manilha
May 3d. 1763.

In consequence of which a Letter was immediately wrote by the Secretary to Mr. Nodes as follows.

To Mr. John Nodes.

Sir,

The Governor and Council have directed me to acquaint you that the Galley now building is to be finished as soon as possible that a new mast is to be put into the Galley lately repaired and that no other Works are to be carried on in the Marine yard.

The Engineer and Commandant of Artillery who have examined the Carriages at Cavita are of opinion that there are sufficient without making new ones all the Artificers employed in that Branch are therefore to be discharged except about 20 Carpenters and 12 Smiths who are to be constantly entertained to keep them in good repair and to do any other casual services that may be wanted in the Garrison.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant

Francis Jourdan,
Secry.

Manilha
3d. May 1763.

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FRIDAY 5TH MAY 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

Office of Master Attendant at Cavitta abolished and the Paymaster to attend to that Employ as much as possible.

A Master Attendant at Cavita being no longer judged necessary, as the Company have only one vessel building, ordered that the Employ be struck off and the Paymaster to attend as much thereto as possible.

Office of Provost Martial struck off.

As economy becomes every day more necessary & the Employ of Provost martial not absolutely requisite ordered that Mr. Spearing be dismissed therefrom.

& Quarter Master of the Companys Troops struck off.

Ordered also that the office of Quarter Master of the Companys Troops be struck off they have few Troops here and Quarter master Serjeant will answer the same Purpose in every respect.

Augustine Farms to be put up to outcry.

The Board are informed that the Sugar Works belonging to the Augustine Fryers at Pasig are under the Direction of a Chinese Agreed therefore that he be directed to account with Mr. Kennedy and that Advertisements be fixed up for letting out this and their other Farms to the best Bidder The Brothers of St. John of God refusing to take charge of them.

A Bill from Captn. Flint passed.

The Paymaster presents a Bill from Captn. Flint for Feeding the Horses of the seapoy Troop amounting to 218–7–0 which is ordered to be paid also one from him for Gratuity to the Seapoy Cavalry which they are of Opinion should not be paid in Advance.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

6TH Sailed the Seaford Frigate to Illocos.

9TH Sailed a Champan to the Province of Illocos carrying a General Letter to the Chief.

11TH Returned the Speedwell Brig. not having been able to Weather Batangas.

THURSDAY 12TH MAY 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

Read the 2 following Letters from Mr. John Nodes Paymaster at Cavita.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
GOVR. & TO THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL AT MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

I have discharged all but 200 workmen of the Dockyard which the master Builder tells me are but barely sufficient in 3 Weeks to compleat the new Vessel now upon the Stocks, There remains 50 under the Engineer and I am desired to acquaint you by the Officer of Artillery that the Garrison of Cavita cannot be put in a proper posture of Defence with only the Assistance of 32 Workmen.

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As it is necessary that the People who have been plundered of their Horses for the use of the seapoy Cavalry should meet with some kind of redress, I should be glad to know what satisfaction I may venture to make them for those which have been taken for the use of the Honble Company.

A very extraordinary circumstance occurring prevents me from sending in my last Months Accounts so soon as they may be expected That a delay of this kind may not be imputed to my negligence, It is requisite I acquaint you that during the few Days I was at Manilha, my House has been taken from me & given to a Jesuit Padre in lieu of his own which he was forcibly turned out by Captn. Bishop, my Horse & furniture thereunto belonging have been taken for the use of the seapoys, & what other Effects I left there, are all missing together with 126 Copper Hoops which were under my charge belonging to the Honble Company, I am at present obliged to Mr. Dodd for a very small Apartment in his House where it is impossible for me to transact any Business neither is there any other vacant, fit for a Christian to live in except that alotted for the Publick Gaming House, the Possessors of which being a numerous Throng of Indians & Chinese I am very sorry to find are of much greater Importance than myself for in vain have made applications for that to Governor Brereton as well as my own but can obtain neither.

That I should be exposed to Insults of this nature without any remedy is a piece of Injustice which I must beg you to take some Notice of, A restitution of my House and effects is the least I can desire, your order therefore Gentlemen seems to be very necessary on this occasion and will undoubtedly be of more effect than all the Sollicitations a Paymaster can make use of.

I am with much respect,
Gentlemen
Your most obedient & most Humble Servant
JOHN NODES.

CAVITA
MAY 11TH. 1763.

One hundred men only are to be employed on the New Galley ordered that the rest be discharged. The Board cannot admit of more Artificers to be under the Artillery officer than the Engineer and Commandant of Artillery have thought necessary.

Ordered that for such Houses as have been taken for the Service and are Good 20 Dollars be paid & for those that are but indifferent only 15.

Purport of a Letter to the Castiliano.

Resolved that a Letter be wrote to the Castiliano acquainting him with Mr. Nodes Treatment and desiring him to provide him with a House to his satisfaction and directing him to use his utmost endeavors to suppress the vice of gaming which the Board are informed is publickly allowed at Cavita.

Gaming in the Parian to be severely punished.

Information being also received that Gaming in the Parian increases every day. Ordered that the Corregidore be desired to use his utmost endeavors to discourage that Vice by severely punishing those found Guilty.

Surgeon of the Falmouth attending the sick at Cavita to have the same allowances as Mr. Gray.

The Surgeon of the Falmouth presents a Bill for Attendance on the sick at Cavita Ordered that he be put on the same Establishment as those at Manilha.

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The Governor presents two Bills to be paid.

The Governor presents Bills for sundrys amounting to 393–4 for Peons &ca. 90 Dollars ordered that they be paid.

The Corregidores Bill which was returned to be rendered more explicit is again delivered in with the following Letter.

To the Honble Dawsonne Drake Esqr. Govr.
President &ca. and Council.

Sir & Sirs,

Letter from Mr. Kennedy.

In obedience to your Commands I return my account of Disbursement with the explanations you require, and I beg for God sake to be dispatch'd for I am in the extreme necessity to pay off what I have been supplied with regard to the Account itself, I am sure if I wanted Vouchers no body cou'd justify me more than your Honours particularly Mr. Lewin Smith and Mr. Brooke who were daily Eye witnesses of all that was acted and whose orders and the Governors I implicitly obeyed with activity, Zeal and Fidelity, till by pure fatigue both Night and Day without being able to sit down to a single Meal without being taken off to dispatch something as it will known, it near cost me my Life so that in such a continual hurry & Confusion in a time of war, with the Enemy at our Door it cannot be expected I can be more minute, one thing I can assure your Honours upon Oath that in the time I was, so dangerously ill, without being idle many of my Papers of memorandums of Payments of Boats & many other things were lost particularly a sheet of Paper with one whole side and part of another that amounts to a considerable Sum, that I have not charged contenting myself with the Loss, and can say I have not charged one single Dollar upon any Article more than I paid Whether I have work'd as a disinterested man to serve my King and Country and the Honble Company, I must leave your Honors to be judges notwithstanding I am not ignorant my Life has been long sought for a fresh and evident Proof is that last sunday a poor man who had no other Crime, than that of being my servant was hang'd by the Neck the whole Day, your Honours may judge what I am to expect if I shou'd be so unfortunate by any miscarriage to fall into the Enemy's hands, but you Honors may believe me nothing of this sort can discourage me to exert myself in the service If I can be so happy as to give content I must beg leave to add that I have notice that some Chinese has presented for his Pay I can assure you he never came to me, so that I infer he has been paid, for several attempts of that kind have been made, and I fear some of them have succeeded, I humbly recommend myself to your Honours.

I am with due respect
Gentlemen
Your most obedt. Hble. servant

James Kennedy.

Parian
12th. May 1763.

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ordered still to lie on the Table.

Ordered that it do still lie on the Table untill next Consultation.

Paymaster Accounts read & passed

The Paymaster's Accounts Read. The Board observing the sum of 500 Dollrs. advanced to the Mindanoa Ambassador in the above Accounts when it should have been brought into the Governors Cash Account ordered that the Paymaster be repaid the said sum and that it be brought to account Error in the present month.

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Ordered that Mr. Parsons be directed to muster the Seapoys, Lascars & Coffres. Mr. Parsons to muster the seapoys Lascars & Coffres.

Mr. Smith the Marine Paymaster presents Bills for sundry stores belonging to the Captors furnished to the Company for the several Galleys &ca. Enquiry ordered to be made concerning the Prices and Bills of Exchange to be granted for the amount of the whole on the Govr. & Council at Fort St. George. Mr. Smith the marine PayMr. presents several Bills from Mr. Dodd Agent for the Captors the Prices to be enquired into.

Mr. Parsons Military Storekeeper presents a Bill for Captors Stores furnished out of the almazina ordered that he enquire whether the Prices at which they are charged are reasonable. Mr. Parsons presents a Bill from Mr. Dodd to enquire into the Reasonableness of the charge.

The Paymaster of Manilha representing to the Board that he has occasion for 10,000 Dollars for the charges of his Employ Ordered that it be advanced to him. 10,000 Dollrs. to be advanced to the Paymr.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Returned the Falmouth Brig. from Batangas.

Sent Letters to Captn. Brereton & Mr. John Nodes at Cavita agreable to the Minutes of last Consultation. MAY 13TH

TO WILLIAM BRERETON ESQR.
CASTILIANO OF CAVITA.

SIR,

Having been informed that Gaming reigns publickly at Cavita and the Consequences that always result therefrom especially among the Chinese & Malays are very Dangerous we beg the favor of you to use your utmost endeavor to suppress that pernicious vice, by causing it to be forbid in the most publick manner under very severe Penalties.

Mr. Nodes having complained to us that he has been turned out of his House and that his Horses Furniture & several other things have been taken out of it during his Absence from Cavita we must request you will be pleased to cause them to be returned to him and to order him to be accommodated with a House to his satisfaction.

We are

Sir,

Your most Obedient Hble. Servant

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
MAY 13TH. 1763.

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To Mr. Nodes
Paymaster at Cavita.

Sir,

Your Letter to the Governor of the 6th. Instant in answer to his on the subject of your staying at Manilha & that of the 11th. to the Governor are now before us In answer to the former we must remark to you that you should always indent for money before the end of the month for the Expences of the succeeding one and that when you do to Mr. Brooke you should have been at Cavita paying the Garrison it being a standing order of the Company's that their Troops should be paid the first of the month unless it happen on a Sunday we desire you will in future observe this as a Rule and that when your Business calls you to Manilha you will apply to the Governor for leave to repair hither.

One hundred Workmen we think will be sufficient for the service of the Marine Yard all exceeding that number are therefore to be discharged The Engineer & Commandant of Artillery having given it as their opinion that 32 Artificers are sufficient for the keeping in repair the Carriages &ca. we see no reason to alter our former Resolution.

For such of the Horses as are Good we think the owners should be paid 20 Dollars for those that are midling or indifferent 15 is sufficient the greater part of the Horses on which the seapoys at Manilha are mounted cost no more.

You will not pay Mr. Dodd for any of the Stores furnished to the Company as he has agreed to take Bills for the same.

We now write to Captn. Brereton to accommodate you with a House to your satisfaction & have desired him to forbid Gaming under very severe Penalties.

We are
Sir,
Your Obedient Servants

Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Council.

Manilha
13th. May 1763.

Thursday 16th May 1763.

At a Consultation

Present

Dawsonne Drake Deputy Govr. President.
John Lewin Smith. Henry Brooke.

Read the following Letter from Captain Brereton Castiliano at Cavita.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr.
Govr. &ca. Council at Manilha.

Gentlemen,

Letter from Captain Brereton in answer to ours concerning Gaming &ca.

I received your Letter of the 13th. Inst. wherein you acquaint me, you have been informed that Gaming reigns Publickly Cavita, I fear you have received your Information from some troublesome Impertinent, who wants to insinuate himself into your good Graces, and set up for a reformation of times.

It has ever been a maxim of the wisest generations, of two Evils to chuse the least.

The spirit of Gaming Inherent in the Chinese, as well as the Malays, and you may as well alter their Nature or the Course of the Sun, as to wean them

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from this Practice, the Spaniards themselves could not do it, when they bore an absolute sway, it would be dangerous in you to attempt it, in this Critical Juncture of affairs.

When the Fleet first came here, every house was a private Gaming House, and the most Judicious thought that Authorizing two Houses only /one for the Chinese, the other for the Natives,/ would be a means of Contracting at least, if not entirely suppressing this Custom; you at this Distance may not see other reasons for this Indulgence.

There are more Artificers & Labourers here than at Manilha and as the Town is not watted in, it requires more Officers to attend it, and there is no fund Established to support those Officers, it was judged proper therefore to levy a certain sum to support of Prisoners &ca. and I think it must be confest that Taxing the Pleasure & Follies of the People was more judicious than Taxing their Commodities as one was a Damp to Idleness, the other a spur to Industry this truth was soon evinced for the Streets & alligs, which before was crouded with Gamblers, appeared quite naked, and the Indolent turned their Hands to Labour, for as the custom is for the winner to Pay the Charges of the House, they thought it hardly worth while to risk their own stake for so small a Gain, & the House for the Natives dropped of itself last month, As I suppose the other will in time.

I must observe to you here that these Houses were allowed under the Spanish Government, and regulated under certain restrictions, having a number of officers to preserve the Peace and & umpires to decide in doubtfull Cases; I know of no ill resulting from this toleration, having never had a single Complaint from either of these Houses, and the money paid for these Licences have supported the officers of the Peace however if you will settle the salary, and pay the different officers necessary to prevent this Custom, I will forbid the Continuance of it Publickly /or rather privately as their next Neighbours hardly know it/ and shut up the Houses, but then the consequence will be that the Settlement will be abandoned to assemble in the neighbouring villages, where many dangerous Disputes have happened for want of proper regulations, and their occupations neglected by going farther a Field.

I cannot quit this subject without observing /as you have given me an opportunity/ that the Licence you have given is the most likely to be productive of ill consequences, indeed, it has manifestly appeared and I know not where it will end for, before your Toleration of selling Arrack Publickly I don't recollect seing one man punished for Drunkenness in a month & now I see four or five of the soldiers punished of a Day; being impossible to prevent their procuring that pernicious Liquor, as there is nine Houses authorized for selling it.

Captain Bishop tells me, that in my absence he took the liberty of residing in my House, and that on Mr. Nodes coming to Cavita, he put him into the House he /Captn. P. Bishop/ had lived in, and then told Mr. Nodes that he must have his House again when I returned and on my Arrival he agreed with two Padries to exchange Houses as theirs was nearer the Fort as that he was not turned out.

As soon as Mr. Nodes apply'd to me, I ordered him the choice of 5 Houses one of which had contented the ambition of a Captn. of a man of War, it indeed was not a Police, nor had it Coach Houses, nor Stables but I have seen a Company of thirty People entertained in it Mr. Nodes made choice of this House, but not being Contented, he shall have a better.

Mr. Nodes tells me you have no farther Service for Mr. Glasford, his Brother officers are obliged to you, as the Duty falls hard upon them in his Absence I am persuaded last month the Company lost ten times his salary for want of a superintendant in the yard; as I am sure a great part of the wood taken out for the Galley must have been out into Chips this is a Practice they are addicted to unless well looked after.

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You have desired Mr. Nodes to Discharge one Hundred more of the Artificers give me leave to observe that if this order is complied with the Galley will not be finished before the rains set in, and then the Planks will swell very much, and want shifting after the rains are over, besides you may perhaps want her Service and tis the same thing to the Company, whether they pay two hundred men for one month, or one hundred two months.

I am
GENTLEMEN,
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
WILLIAM BRERETON.

CAVITA
MAY 6TH.
1763.

Gaming to be as much discouraged as possible.

The Board are of opinion that abolishing the pernicious Custom of Gaming cannot be attended with such bad Consequences as a toleration of it may; Agreed therefore that Captain Brereton be again desired to discourage it as much as possible.

Arrack Farmers Licence to be explained to Captn. Brereton.

With regard to the Arrack Former, ordered that it be explained to Captn. Brereton, that he is not allowed to Sell arrack to any Europeans and that he be desired to have it published about the Town that any Persons convicted of selling Arrack to the Soldiers shall be punished with Death.

The Captain of St. Roque murdered 500 Dollars to be offered as a reward for the Discovery of his Murderers.

The Captain of St. Roque, /a man greatly in our Interest/ having been basely murdered for his Attachment to us Resolved that the sum of 500 Dollars be offered as a reward to any Persons or persons who will discover the murderers so that they may be convicted and punished as their Crime merits.

Mr. Kennedy's Accounts passed.

The Board having examined Mr. Kennedys Accounts and found them reasonable, considering the length of time they were amounting to so large a sum, and the urgency of the service on which the Boats were generally employed that would not admit of studying Ecconomy in our precarious situation, ordered that they be discharged.

Lascars to keep a look out soon ships &ca from one of the Towers of the Cathedral.

As for want of proper Persons to look out the Seaford Frigate/ Captain Brereton informs us/ advanced near to Manilha without being observed and thereby an opportunity was lost of sending the Companys Letters resolved that Directions to the Military Storekeeper to keep a Lascar in one of the Towers of the Cathedral constantly to look out that a spying Glass be delivered to him and that he do report to the Governor the appearance of any vessels in the Bay and the signals they may make either from on Board or from Cavita.

Indent for the speedwell complyed with.

Mr. Roberts Commanding the Company's Galley presents to the Board an Indent for Sundry Stores &ca. he has occasion for which is ordered to be complyd.

Mr. Saulnier while on shore to act as Master Attendant.

Resolved that which Mr. Saulnier Commanding the Companys Sloop Pasig /at present at Cavita much indisposed/ remains on shore his offered service of superintending the workmen in the naval yard be accepted.

Impress for the Speedwell laid before the Board & passed.

Mr. Smith Marine Paymaster lays before the Board the Impress for the Speedwell Brig. amounting to 165 Dollars ordered that it be paid.

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Mr. Smith acquaints the Board that he has examined Mr. Dodds Accounts enquired into the Prices and that the Timbers and Illocos Canvas are the only articles charged at a high rate that he mentioned it to the agent who acquainted him that the order he had received from the Admiral would not of his disposing of them at a cheaper rate.

Report of Mr. Smith concerng. Mr. Dodd's Bill.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Francis Jourdan.

Letter From Mr. Francis Jourdan requesting leave to go to the Coast.

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA &CA.

GENTLEMEN,

The application I was obliged to give to the late Dispatches having greatly impaired my Constitution by bringing on very severe Touches of an Inflamation in the Liver, /a Disorder I have long had reason to apprehend/ I find myself quite unable to go thro the Business of the Employ I am in with the attention it requires & I would chuse to pay to it I therefore take the Liberty, Gentlemen to request the favor of your appointing some one to succeed me on the arrival of the ships from Madras, from whence undoubtedly you will have Assistants—The Alacrity and pleasure, with which I have always acted in the service, will I flatter myself convince you that no other motives whatever, could induce me to make you this request, and of course incline you in my Favor, as a servant of the Honble Company it is my Duty to attend to their Business, and as the Climate is far from agreeing with me, when the first opportunity offers, I purpose addressing you for Leave to return to the Presidency, where I persuade myself I shall soon get the better of my Complaints, & be ready to officiate in any Employ to which I may be appointed.

I am with the greatest respect
GENTLEMEN,
Your much obliged & most obedt. humble servant
FRANCIS JOURDAN.

MANILHA
2D. MAY 1763.

Considering the few Covenanted servants on this Establishment the Board cannot at present grant him Liberty to resign his Employ but on the Arrival of the ships from Madras if his ill state of Health continues and any Assistants should be sent from thence. They will if possible not only comply with his request but grant him leave to return to the Coast.

The Board will if possible on the arrival of the ships comply with his request.

Read also 2 Letters from Messrs. Henry Parsons & Wm. Stevenson one as entered in Consn. of March 15th. the other as follows.

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To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Letter from Messrs. Parsons & Stevenson requesting a temporary appointment in Council.

As near two months are elaps'd since we had the honor of addressing you, to request to you to admit us as members of the Council in the Place of Messrs. Russell and Johnson, and we have not yet been favor'd with an answer from you we take the Liberty of renewing that request as we cannot but think we are at least entitled to a temporary appointment as being the next senior servants on this Establishment unless some particular objection be assigned, for excluding us.

We are with great respect,
GENTLEMEN,
Your most Obedient humble Servants.

MANILHA
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HENRY PARSONS.
WM. STEVENSON.

Appointed.

With respect to the former the Board are of opinion that not being duly authorized by their Instructions from the Presidency they could not consent thereto but the second being of a different nature requesting only a temporary Appointment Agreed that it be complied with.

DAWSONNY DRAKE.

20TH

Sent a Letter to Captn. Wm. Brereton as follows.

To WILLIAM BRERETON ESQR.
CASTILIANO OF CAVITA.

SIR,

From hence to Folis 205 is entered wrong & should have inserted next after Folis 214.

Your Letter of the 15th. Instant reached us the next day Altho some Inconveniences may arise from endeavoring to suppress Gaming yet still we are persuaded much greater will be occasioned by tolerating so pernicious and dangerous a vice, we therefore beg you will discourage it as much as possible.

The restrictions we have laid the arrack Farmer under will always prevent that Licence from producing any bad Consequences while they are attended to as one in particular forbids his setting any to the soldiers who have daily two Drams from the Company you will therefore be pleased to cause it to be published about the Town that whatever Persons shall be convicted of furnishing any of the garrison with arrack shall be punished with Death.

It is with concern we have just heard of the murder of the Captn. of St. Roque we desire you will offer in the name of the Company Five hundred Dolls. as a reward for such Persons as will discover the murders that they may meet with the Punishment they merit.

We are
SIR,
Your most Obedient humble servants

MANILHA
MAY 20TH. 1763.

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

—— *MANILHA, MAY 1763* ——

Sent two Letters to the Archbishop and the Inhabitants of S^{t}. Cruz. 22^{D}.

To Don Manuel Antonio Roxo,
Archbishop of Manilha.

Illustrious Sir,

We have received your Favor of the 19th.

The fears of the People of S^{t}. Cruz in regard to the Chinese are groundless, as those People will not we presume, undertake to execute their Threats, neither will we you may be assured permit them give us, leave however, sir, to remark to you, that the mestires or the natives of the villages, acting against Senor Anda, will not thereby in the least break the Allegiance they owe to their former monarch as you to our great surprize seem to intimate since the Islands were ceded to his Britannick Majesty by you & the rest of the royal Audience agreable to the Articles of the Cession & on M^{r}. Andas refusing to comply therewith you yourself publickly declared him a rebel, from such should they therefore defend themselves we think, they would be rendering a service to the Spanish Nation & safe the Effusion of much human blood if they neglect the advice given them, & assist our Enemies, they must abide by the Consequences, obvious it must be to every one, that unless they had been countenanced & encouraged by the Spaniards and other Inhabitants of S^{ta}. Cruz, they never would have dain'd to approach so near to Manilha.

We are with respect
Illustrious Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servants
Dawsonne Drake
&^{ca}. Council.

Manilha
May 22^{D}. 1763.

To
&^{ca}. Inhabitants of S^{ta}. Cruz.

Gentlemen,

In answer to your late representation to us, we must observe to you, that while M^{r}. Anda and his Faction are continuing the Troubles in the Country we think that you certainly cannot expect the same Indulgence as might be granted to you were we in a state of Peace that many good Houses in Manilha are now inhabited and that at all times private conveniences must give way to the Public Good we therefore cannot admit your reasons for remaining at S^{ta}. Cruz to be sufficient, the more so, as M^{r}. Anda screplus not to carry People off by Force he having not long since if we are rightly informed forced a way M^{r}. Gastambide a Spanish Officer and openly encourages nay entices others to go over to him in violation of their Paroles of Honor as well as of the Publick Faith in consequence we cannot consent to your removing to the adjacient village and if you still persist in refusing to observe our recommendation to you to come into Town you must abide by the Consequences when you/ to our great surprize/ pretend to teach us the use of Cannon, you give us a large Field to expatiate upon, we however chuse to avoid saving any thing that might appear or be construed as general on Personal Reflections, but we think it necessary to acquaint you that the English never use arms except for the service of their Country, their own Defence the Protection of their supposed Friends or to chastise such when they discover (them) who under the false shew of Friendship are treacherously against them.

We are
Gentlemen,
Your most Obed^{t}. servants
Dawsonne Drake
&^{ca}. Council.

Manilha
May 24TH. 1763.

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WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

Letter from Mr. Nodes.

READ THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM MR. NODES.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
GOVR. TO THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL AT MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

I received your Letter of the 14th. & shall endeavour to observe your directions therein specified; Having been hitherto a stranger to the standing order of the Company, consequently I could not adhere to my Punctitios in so nice a manner as was required of me.

The master Builder of the Dock yard begs leave to enclose a representation he has made, in consequence of the men I had your order to discharge, Captn. Brereton likewise concurs in his opinion and says farther, That the service now in hand, cannot be finished before the rains or even continued, with a less number than 187 men.

Notwithstanding I have several times acquainted Lt. Pitts of your resolution to keep no more than 32 men on the service of the Artillery, he still insists upon it, that altho the artificers are discharged to that number, yet you still mean to employ a number of Lascar Cooleys in the service, as 20 alone are not sufficient for the Garrison, & adds further, that the workmen which are left being so few in number, are of little or no service and may as well be discharged.

Mr. Dodd has brought me in a charge of 2000 Dollrs. and upwards for stores he has supplied this Garrison with & wou'd be glad to receive it in ready Cash, having at present occasion for the same, and what Charges of that kind, which may hereafter occur he is willing to take Bills for therefore I only wait to know your determination thereupon.

I should be glad to know what number of Horses I am to pay for as it is necessary I inform you that the expence of the Cavalry will be considerable, on account of the scarcity & immoderate Price of Grass I understand there has been orders given to Lieutenant Mackayne to entertain 30, but I shall refuse paying for them unless I have your sanction for so doing.

I am with respect

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient & most humble servant

JOHN NODES.

CAVITA
MAY 24TH. 1763.

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187 men to be employed on the Galley.

Ordered that 187 men be continued on the new Galley as Captn. Brereton and other conversant in Marine Affairs represent it to be absolutely necessary.

With regard to the Indent of Mr. Pitts, the Engineer and Commandant of Artillery, have reported to the Board that they think 32 are sufficient, they therefore cannot see any reasons for altering their former resolution on that Head.

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Mr. Dodd to take Bills.

Mr. Dodd has consented to take Bills on the Presidency of Madras The Board consequently cannot comply with his request.

Twenty Cavalry judged sufficient for Cavita.

Twenty Cavalry they think are sufficient for Cavita Ordered therefore that Mr. Nodes to pay for them & that the overplus be returned to their owners.

The Lascars complain of their not receiving the whole of their Pay. orders in consequence.

The Lascars having complained that notwithstanding the late gratuity granted them, they only receive 7 Rs. pr. month ordered that Mr. Nodes be acquainted that their allowances in the whole amount to 8–3–2 R. R :.B. and that it be made up to them.

Padre Villafama to be secured.

Certain advice having been received that Padre Villa farma of the Parian has been tampering with the Chinese to induce them to Join Mr. Anda Ordered that he be secured.

Mr. offers to coin the Plate into Rupees.

The Treasury being reduced to a very low ebb the Plate having been offered to sale and no one willing to purchase it and having been assay'd and found that 100 Dolls. Wr. of Plate will turn out 180 Rupees equal in touch &ca. to Accot. and Mr. Desouza offering to coin it for per Cent to prevent the fatal Consequences that must attend a want of Cash ordered that 7,000 Dolls. be coined as soon as possible.

DAWSONNY DRAKE.

Received . . . . two Letters from the Archbishop of Manilha.

1st In this Letter the Archbishop in consequence of a representation made by the Secretaries that all the Papers and Books belonging to the offices were in a disorder by way, begs leave for said Secretaries to put them in order, & have them carried to proper Places, with the Chests & Desks he hopes this request will be granted, as it does not contain any thing contrary to your Lordships Government, and some time or other may be both usefull & necessary to this Place & Islands.

2d The Archbishop sets forth in this Letter that upon Account of the stockade and the great distance from the Almazen gate, the Inhabitants complain not only of a greater difficulty to get Provisions, but of the expence they are for Porters, he requests if there be no inconveniency, that the Gate of St. Domingo may be left open as in former times with [*sic*] will greatly facilitates the Import of Provisions & diminish the expence of Carriage, as by the Almazena Gate the Troops & Garrison are supplyed with Provisions it is a great obstacle to the Spaniards getting any by said Gate.

Returned an Answer as follows.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR,

We have been favored with your Letters of the 13th. and 15th. and to convince you of our readiness to comply with every Request you make us that the situation of affairs will permit, we shall give directions that the St. Domingo gate be kept open for the Inhabitants to bring in their necessaries &ca.

We likewise consent to your sending your Secretaries &ca. to sort out the Books which shall be deposited in one of the offices and which when ever you shall please to refer to shall always immediately be shown to them.

We are with great Esteem
Your most Obedient humble Servants

MANILHA
MAY 17TH. 1763.

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&ca. COUNCIL.

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Arrived His Majestys Frigate the Seaford Captain Peighin from Illocose.

FRIDAY 20TH MAY 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

Letter from the Govr. in answer to Mr. Smiths of the 27th. relating to sea Customs.

The Governor lays before the Board an order to Mr. Smiths Letter relating to the Sea Customs dated 27th. April and a Letter he has received from Mr. Brooke on the same occasion.

TO MESSRS. JOHN LEWIN SMITH
& HENRY BROOKE.

GENTLEMEN,

I believe there is no one more attached to his Duty or more zealous for the Honor & Interest of my Honble masters than myself, All my thoughts and actions have hitherto tended to that one Point without ever thinking any Pains or Troubles too great to obtain so wished for & desireable an End.

I have perused with due attention Mr. Smith's Letter of the 27th. of last month whereon he quotes the Instructions given us by the Presidency of Fort St. George who have recommended to us (as he justly observes) to settle and collect the Customs of this Port in the same manner as is practised there but at the same time they recommended to us to use the greatest moderation, and as Trade they say must be the object of our greatest attention they would undoubtedly have us use every method that may be most agreable to the merchants trading to this Place more particularly to the Chinese whose Commerce has ever been the most extensive and beneficial, moreover the Gentlemen of Madras desirous of doing every thing for the best, have left it to our own Prudence and discretion to act in this as well as many other Points, as we shall judge most proper & benificial for the Company's Interest and welfare. As yet we have hardly been able to judge how to proceed, as there has been only four small China Champans arrived here loaded with Fruit Coarse China ware and Tochys or Iron Pans, on the arrival of the first we agreed in Consultation that it should Pay no Customs this year, believing that such a mark of our favor reaching China would induce others to carry on a Commerce with us that was every way so advantageous to them. Accordingly I made known to the Captn. of that Champan this Indulgence to him in the strongest terms immaginable which he seemed to be truely sensible of, on the arrival of the second Champan and soon after the other two we judged it necessary to establish the Customs on the same footing as at Madras agreable to our Instructions, but the Chinese so long accustomed to the methods used by the Spanish Government seemed to be much displeased with our Regulations, especially when they were told they must go to the Parian to unload, They often represented to me the many Inconveniencys it would be to them, and on the Contrary the many advantages that would arise from their unloading their Cargo at the usual Place the Custom House but judging this at first to me only an Evasive Pretence, I insisted on their going to the Parian when they one & all declared that rather than do that, they would with my Permission return back to China without unloading and desired nothing more of me than a little water for their voyage this they oftentimes repeated without my taken any Notice of it, but seeing them throughly resolved & determined on leaving us, I began to consider more maturely the bad consequences that might arise to our Honble masters Affairs to send such a number of that Nation away discontended this I represented to you Gentlemen many

times in the most lively and strongest Colours I was able but seeing you both resolved that they should go to the Parian at any rate notwithstanding I could make & the many just & reasonable motives that were Alledged by the Chinese themselves I at last determined to take upon myself to Comply with their desire in telling them to go to S^{t}. Fernando which is a most noble stone Building built on purpose for a Custom House & Commodious & safe which the Parian is not by any means, The vessels Anchor close under the Walls the goods are rolled on shore on a I'lank which is laid from the vessell to the bank of the river, The Godowns are excellent & ever under their Eye, there is a large Court within for airing and drying any of their Goods that should have occasion for it, in the Center of which is a most delightfull well of fresh water for drinking and dressing the victuals it lays convenient for repairing their vessells which they cannot do at the Parian, it is incommoded with no other Buildings near it, & therefore sure against Fire, Thieves or any other Accident of that Nature, & to compleat the whole you may at any time & season of the year be there in three or four minutes by water, whereas there is no going to the Parian by water, and in the rains it is very inconvenient going by land & at no time you can get there in less than eight or ten minutes besides all the Buildings in the Parian are of wood & overlook one another so that the least spark may set them on Fire, no good water near it which they are obliged to Purchase all their Boats before they are unloaded are obliged to pass the Bridge where they run emminent risk of being lost though the rapidness of the river, they are subject to be robbed every Hour of the Day & night, no Place to Air or dry their Goods if they should want it, & no proper Godowns to keep them in if these Differences between the two Places does not Authorise their request I don't know what should, & if M^{r}. Smith for the reasons he has already set forth, or for any other does not chuse to accept the sea Customers Employ I must desire M^{r}. Brooke will, and should he also refuse, I must appoint some one else or do the Business myself which I shall chearfully go through with for my Honble masters sake notwithstanding any seeming dangers that may threaten my Life.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
DAWSONNE DRAKE

MANILHA
MAY 16TH. 1763.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF MANILHA.

SIR,

Letter from Mr. Brooke declining the Employ of Sea Customer on Mr. Smith resigning it.

I have perused your Letter & M^{r}. Smiths, on the subject of the most proper place to fix upon as a Custom House, to collect the Duties on vessells importing here and upon a full consideration of both & by other-wise informing myself of the Premises, I find the Persons he has given so well founded, that in my opinion in these troublesome times particularly there is no doubt remaining with me of giving the preference to the old Custom-house in the Parian, Indeed sir was it not that I would choose to avoid the disagreeableness of an Altercation I think I could give such material reasons as must be approved of for founding my Judgment as I have done.

I must on this occasion beg leave to remark to you that I am now and have been since the Commencement of this Expedition loaded with a very burthensome Employ that of Paymaster, which it would have been impossible for me to

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have discharged as my Duty required had not I been assisted by Messrs. Jaurdan & Crauford whose deligence and integrity deserve Publick Acknowledgement. I must therefore upon the whole of what has been said beg leave to decline accepting of the Sea Customers Employ.

I am
Sir
With great respect
Your most Obedient & most humble Servant
HENRY BROOKE.

MANILHA
FRIDAY 19TH. MAY 1763.

Mr. Henry Parsons appointed Sea Customer.

The Governor then acquaints the Board that as Mr. Brooke has declined the Employ he has thought proper to appoint Mr. Parsons thereto which the Board consent to.

Letter from the Archbishop.

Read the following Letters from the Archbishop Don Manuel Thoribio & the Inhabitants of St. Cruz.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR

The Captain & the rest of the Inhabitants Mestys of the Villages of Sta. Cruz are under the greatest affection in which Condition they have applyed to me & say that upon Account of some Spaniards & others from the Pampanga having approached said village in search of the Chinese, these continually threaten to burn their village, & even to take away their Lives, for not having taken up Arms in Company with them, but since they cannot be aiding or Assisting against the Spaniards nor his Brittish Majestys subjects which they have hitherto exactly keep up to in virtue of the Capitulation, & have laid their reasons at length before your Lordship in a representation they made for said Purpose I can't avoid employing my Interest with your Lordship requesting you will do them justice by ordering the Chinamen to withdraw from their village & that upon no Account do they compell them to aid or Assist them nor to take up Arms against the Spanish Nation, nor the Country People, which neither should they do against his Brittish Majestys Subjects, this they have punctually & continue to observe.

I hope your Lordship will please to relieve their grievance without delay since the Business requires a speedy and officatious remedy.

MANUEL ANTONIO,
Archbishop of Manilha.

MANILHA
MAY 19TH. 1763.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR.

Letter from Mr. Thoribio requesting leave to remain in his House.

Don Manuel Fermandez Thorobio late Castiliano of the Cetadel, says that having notice of the Proclamation whereby all the officers are ordered to live within the city he hopes since he has behaved as a man of Honor & promises to continue to do so for the future & that he is an officer of distinction & of the first Rank you will please to allow him leave to live in the House where he has lived hitherto he has a large Family & is troubled with some disorders which of a long time have hindered him to dwell in the city he begs this a singular favor which he will be eternally obliged to your Lordship.

MANUEL FERNANDEZ THORIBIO.

— *MANILHA, MAY 1763* —

Most Honble Sir & Counsellours

Inhabitants of St. Cruz requesting leave to return to an adjoining village.

The Inhabitants of the City of Manilha actually residing in the suburbs in consequence of the Advice & notice given them (which they are greatly obliged to your Lordship & the Counsellours for) set forth that it will be extreamly inconvenient to them to come & live within the City upon Account of the Houses being damaged & both the Poofs, floors, doors and windows torn to Pieces, this is Notorious & cannot be repaired without the greatest difficulty for want of proper materials & workmen who are at present very scarce, the scarcity & almost the impossibility to get Provisions will require a greater number of Servants & these will not live in the City upon Account of the many obstacles they daily meet with to pass through the Gates, besides there is not a sufficient number of houses tho they should be repaired, for all the Families who live abroad which should prove extreamly inconvenient to the Ladies The use of the Guns & shells does not seem necessary to offend such as come from Abroad the Houses being Inhabited they will not meet with any Place to Canton their Troops nor advance to such a distance as the Artillery can reach them, if this last reason should not appear sufficient to convince your Lordship, then it will be indispensable for us to try some methods by which our Distressed Condition may be relieved therefore we implore your Lordship & the Counsellours protection, which has been promised to all those who behave well, and humbly request that you will please to allow us to withdraw to some adjoining village at such a distance as may not be troublesome, or an incumbrance to the Place were we promise to live & behave in such a manner as may deserve the Enjoyment of the Peace & Tranquility Agreed to in the name of both Majesty's.

Signed by the principal inhabitants of S^{t}. Cruz &^{ca}.

Resolutions of the Board in consequence.

With regard to the Archbishop's the Board imagine the fears of the Mistises &^{ca}. to be groundless as they are persuaded the Chinese will not dare to execute their Threats nor will they permit them. They cannot however help remarking that the Natives by opposing the Attempts of the Malecontents will not break the Allegiance they owe to their monarch since the Island were by him & the royal Audience ceded to His Brittanick Majesty If they neglect the Advice given to them they must abide by the Consequence Certain it is that unless they had been encouraged by some of the Spaniards & other Inhabitants of S^{ta}. Cruz, they never would have approached so near to Manilha.

The Board cannot comply with M^{r}. Thoribios request, because granting him such Permission would entitle every officer to make the same Application.

Respecting the Inhabitants of S^{ta}. Cruz while M^{r}. Anda & his Faction continue the troubles in the Country they surely cannot expect the same Indulgencies as in time of Peace and private conveniences must always give way to the Public Good The reasons they alledge for remaining at S^{ta}. Cruz are therefore not sufficient the more so, as M^{r}. Anda takes away even Gentlemen by Force & openly encourages all others in violation of their Paroles of Honor to join him of course their requests cannot be complyed with. Ordered that a Letter to the above effect be prepared taking notice at the same time of their manner of dictating to Us.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

MAY 24TH Arrived a Champan from Xolo which having accidently been taken for a Spanish vessel several shot were fired at her which unfortunately sunk her & wounded 3 of her Crew.

26TH Sent a Letter to M^{r}. John Nodes Paymaster at Cavita.

— *MANILHA, MAY 1763* —

To Mr. John Nodes
Paymaster at Cavita.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 21st. Instant.

As the service now in hand cannot be continued with fewer than 187 men you may employ that number, but with regard to Mr. Pitts Indent we esteem the Engineer & Commandant of Artillery to be proper Judges, they were of opinion that 32 were sufficient & we therefore cannot see any reason for altering our former Resolution on that Head.

Mr. Dodd consented to take Bills of exchange for the amount of the stores supplyed the Company & the state of the Treasury being a little reduced by the excessive Charges of the different settlements, we cannot conveniently comply with his request.

Twenty Cavalry are sufficient for Cavita, for that number of Horses you may pay, & the others should be returned to their former owners.

The Lascars have complained that they receive monthly only 7 Rupees, We desire you will take care, that they in future be paid the same as at Manilha

R. R. B.

8. 3. 2 including the gratuity of 1 Dollr. pr. month granted to the Seapoys & Lascars in March last which if they have not hitherto received is to be made up to them as a Gratuity & always drawn for in a seperate Paper.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Manilha
26th. June 1763.

Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Council.

Friday 27th May 1763.

At a Consultation
Present
Dawsonne Drake Deputy Govr. President.
John Lewin Smith. Henry Parsons.
Henry Brooke. Wm. Stevenson.

The king of Xolo attends wth. the Ambassr. arrived in the beforementioned vessel. delivers a Letter from the present reigning Sultan.

This King of Xolo, with the Ambassador who arrived in the Champan the 24th. attend the Board and delivers a Letter from the present reigning Sultan of Xolo, as entered in Book of Foreign Correspondence, congratulating them on the success which has attended His Brittannick Majestys Arms, expressing great Concern that he was not present to assist in the taking of Manilha, & offering to enter into an Alliance with them & send any Forces that may be wanted should any of the Spaniards refuse to submit.

The Board with great pleasure observe the good Intentions of the Xolians towards the English & hope it will induce them quietly to settle Prince Israel in the Government of the Country.

As a Reparation to the People of the Champan for their Loss another to be purchased for them. A present to be made to the Ambass. and each of the 3 wounded men.

The Champan having as mentioned in the Diary of the 24th. Instant been unluckily taken for one of Mr. Andas vessel and several shot fired at her, having sunk her & wounded 3 of her men. In order to make them some reparation for this their Loss & to prevent this unhappy Accident from alienating the minds of the Xolians from the English Agreed that a vessel of the same size be given to them in lieu of that which they have lost & that a present be made to the Ambassader as well as to each of the 3 wounded men.

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Agreed also, that an Allowance of 45 Dollˢ. be paid every month, to the Ambassader during his residence here. 45 Dollrs. Monthly to be allowed the Ambassader.

The following Letters from Captⁿ. Peighin Commanding his Majesty's ship the Seaford & Mʳ. John Irate late Castiliano of Cavita read. Letter from Captn. Peighin Commanding His Majesty's ship Seaford desiring sundry allowances granted on the Coast.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqᴿ.
Govᴿ. &cᴬ. Council at Manilha.

Gentlemen,

I was in no doubt, from the opinion I had entertained of you, but you would have paid regard to my remonstrance to you in Person, in respect to the Conveniences, the East India Company have thought proper to grant to Sea Captains, at the different settlements in their Possession, in this part of the world.

As you have not paid a proper Attention to my Personal request, which is a little extraordinary, I think it necessary to take this method to acquaint you, that I have been a long time without those Conveniences, which I have a just right to, by the Rank I have the honour to hold in his Majesty's Service.

I therefore request, that I may be accommodated, agreable to the Intention of the East India Company, or that an Allowance may be made to me for the want of them.

I judge it will be unnecessary to name to you, that those Conveniences are at Bombay, Madras &ᶜᵃ. I dare say you are no strangers to, the orders in Council at those Places, since I have been in these Parts, I have no Houses, Palankeen, Palankeen Boys, a head, & under servants, and some other necessaries, you must also be sensible of the great partiality shewn to Land officers in this respect, while sea officers of even superior rank, are totally neglected.

I never before knew a set of Gentlemen, but what were rather ready to pay the proper respect, and to make offers of services in their Power, especially to Sea Officers, who merit much from the India Company, & their Deputys, in this part of the world.

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servant

John Peighin.

Seaford Cavita
23ᴰ. May 1763.

Honble Governor
& Counsellours

Tomorrow the Term expires, which has been assigned to all the Officers who are Prisoners of war & live in the suburbs to come, & dwell in the City in consequence of the Proclamation issued out for said purpose. Letter from Mr. Irrate requesting leave to remain at St. Cruz.

I don't in the least doubt, but your Lordships have your reasons, for having given said Order, never the less there always remains place for exceptions, & favours, this is what I request, in virtue of what others have already

set forth, & likewise upon Account of my having been up the Lake, from whence I could have gone to the Pampanga, or any other Place, the same I might have done from hence, since I returned, but did not either from the one, or the other, upon account of having Given my parole of honor which I shall never break, thó others may have been guilty of it, I cannot think your Lordships have the least reason to doubt it, neither do I presume, that you have the least suspicion of my entertaining a correspondence with those of the Pampanga, but should any such thing be imagined, I defy any body to prove it, if he will speak truth.

I hope likewise, that you will distinguish one among others upon Account of my being an officer of a superior rank and honored with a Commission from my king, which I do not deserve upon this Account, & because my Brother & I believe here without interfering in any thing besides I am certain that thó I should readily consent to go in, I could never prevail upon my wife, I repeat my request, & hope your Lordship will please to consent, that neither my Brother nor I may be Comprehended in said Proclamation.

"If your Lordships think proper I'll appear where, & at such Houses as you may appoint in day time, or I'll go & sleep in Town, & leave my Brother if you think fit, to keep my wife Company, but should not this my request be granted, I beg you'l give me leave to send my Wife to such of the Villages, as she may choose to go to, and as soon as I have done this, & left her at said Village, Ill return & obey your orders.

JOSEPH D IRIARTE.

MANILHA
MAY 24TH. 1763.

Enquiry to be made concerning the Allowances granted to Captns. of His Majestys ships.

Agreed, that Enquiry be made concerning the Allowances granted on the Coast to the Captains of His Majesty's ships.

Mr. Ireates not granted.

The Board cannot comply with Mr. Iriate's request for the same reasons that they before refused Mr. Thoribeas & others.

Report from the Committee of Accounts of the Paymaster of Manila & Passig.

Read a report from the Committee of Accounts as follows.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Since we had the Honor of addressing you under date of the 11th. April the sundry Disbursements made by the Paymaster of Manilha, & Pasig have been laid before us, the following observations wait on you for your Approbation.

Manila.

In the Paymasters Accounts for this Garrison, we observe, that the Quarter masters of the different Corps, have drawn monthly not only for seventeen Camp Colourmen, who receive Pay in a double Capacity, & who are supposed to be excused Duty, to keep the Barracks clean &ca. but a number of Coolies to

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assist them, the Amount of which does not fall short of 200 Dollars monthly we are therefore of opinion, that it is a very extraordinary Charge, & ought if possible to be abolished as we believe it hath been at the Presidency.

Also in the beforementioned Accounts, we cannot help taking Notice of the Town Adjutants' drawing monthly for a Horse, as we think it an unprecedented Charge, we esteem it our Duty to represent it to you here, As well as his receiving Pay as Town Adjutant to the Company's Troops, the latter of which we are of openion, can be easily dispensed with, as the number of them are so very few.

Permit us also to observe to you Gentlemen, that we believe a Quarter master to the Company's Troops, when in Garrison, is not allowed of on the Coast, & in case he should not be found absolutely necessary to be continued here, we think that the stores under his Charge might be ordered to be delivered over to the Military storekeeper, or Lodged in the hands of the Quarter master Serjeant.

Notwithstanding we remarked to you in our last Letter, the great expence of Oil for February, we observe in the following month it amounted to 402½ Dollars, however we have the pleasure to see it has been in some measure remedy'd, as the charge for April does not exceed 278 Dollars althó we are still of opinion that this sum might be reduced, if particular regulations were made by the Board, of what quantity each quartermaster is to receive Daily from the Paymaster, & what numbers of publick Lamps are to be furnished by him.

The Charges of Hospital for the Garrison of Manilha considering the small Number of sick, amounting to near 200 Dollars monthly we are of opinion is a very extraordinary Charge, & merits the Attention of the Board.

We are with great respect & Esteem

Gentlemen

Your most humble & Obedient Servants

HENRY PARSONS.
RICHD. FYFE.
QUINTIN CRAUFURD.

MANILHA
27TH. MAY 1763.

Ordered, that it be inquired, whether Camp Colour men, & Coolies are both necessary & if not absolutely so, one, or the other to be struck off.

Allowance of a Horse to be continued to the Town Adjutant.

The Town being very extensive and the Town Adjutant frequently obliged to visit the Posts around it, the Board think it necessary that the Allowance for a Horse be continued.

Adjutant to the Companys Troops struck off.

The Commandant of the Companys Troops thinking it unnecessary, to have an Adjutant to the few Europeans, the Company have at Manilha, resolved, that he be discontinued, The Quarter master has already been abolished.

Ordered, that the Surgeon be directed to give in a Particular Account, in what manner the Charges of the Hospital amount to so large a sum, as represented by the Committee.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Surgeon to account for the very high Expences of the Hospital.

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MONDAY 30TH MAY 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.

Read the following Letter from the Archbishop.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR & COUNSELLOURS

Letter from the Archbishop complaining of the Chinese being encouraged by our Troops to Murder the Indians at Quiapo.

I received your Excellency's Letter of the 23d. of this month, in Answer to mine of the 19th. of the same, I see what has been resolved upon, with regard to the mestys of St. Cruz, & never doubted but your Excellency, & your Council would do them Justice since they are not able to resist the Troops, that are sent to their village, nor the Chinese, whom it is necessary to Curb.

I have reflected upon an expression in your said Letter, by which you seem to think, that I publickly declared as a Rebel the judge Don Simon Anday Salazar which is a manifest mistake, occasioned without doubt by the Letters I wrote him, to moderate his proceedings, & wherein I reproved, and blamed the disturbances in the villages, & hereabouts, but to declare him a rebel is reserved to my King, & his Supreme Council, to whom I am obliged to give an Account of this matter, & have no Authority to do it by myself, & much less upon Account of my being an Ecclesiastick Prelate.

This I have been obliged to inform your Excellency, & the Council off to obviate some Calumnies of the Spaniards, and particularly of the Fiscal Don Francisco Leandro de viano & judge Anda who have censured me, in the Letter, & manifest which said Fiscal has caused to be spread about, besides the Contents of said Judge Andas Letter, are public, & contrary to my sincerity, & the respect due to my dignity, & Employments, for which reason, I beg once more your Excellency will tear the copy of said Letter, which you ordered to be translated into English when you received it, & as my Honor, & Credit are interested in this I shall be obliged to you for so doing.

MANUEL ANTONIO,
Archbishop of Manilha.

MANILHA
MAY 25TH. 1763.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR,

My heart is ready to break, upon Account of the Accident, that happened last night at Quiapo, eleven Indians, & one woman, were massacred in the very Church, the Curate was wounded, with three other Clergymen, who have withdrawn, the holy temple was profaned, the great altar piece destroyed, & many moveables both there & in the private Houses plundered, & all the Parishioners fled this is a peaceable village, which, without any provocation, has experienced so terrible a misfortune, upon account of the fury, & unruly Chinese, supported by the English Troops, which went out with them, besides tis certain, that neither the Clergymen, nor the People of the village, offered to make the least resistance, nor could any thing be laid to their charge, that might give occasion to this dismal misfortune, for my part, I dont know what remedy should be applyed, your Excellency and the Council best know what to is be done, I place my Confidence in God, but can't avoid making my complaint to the

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Honble Company's of Madras, and England, to the very kings, because Innocence has been so greatly persecuted, & likewise the immunity both of the Church & the Ecclesiasticks.

I am &ca.

MANUEL ANTONIO,
Archbishop of Manilha.

MANILHA
MAY 26TH. 1763.

Ordered that a Copy of the Letter relating to the Affair at Quiapo be sent to Capt. Faizan, that he may clear himself from the Imputation thrown upon him.

Copy thereof to be sent to Captn. Faizan who commanded the Party.

The Governor acquaints the Board that on Information delivered in that Messrs. Solano, Ottal & others proposed absconding, & Joining Senor Anda, they had in consequence been arrested, but that on Examination, being found innocent, he had ordered them to be released.

Messrs. Solano Ottal and others secured. released.

The above Gentlemen attending are called in, the Board acquaints them, that they are greatly concerned at the mistake, which occasioned their Confinement, & observe that in time of war, Accidents of this kind are unavoidable they desire to be informed, who their Accusers are, which the Board cannot by any means consent to, acquaint them with, as it would prevent their ever receiving Advices were they to expose such Persons to the rancour of the Spaniards.

desire to know who gave in the information against them. not granted.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY PARSONS.
HENRY BROOKE. WILLIAM. STEVENSON.

MONDAY 6TH JUNE 1763.

Letter from Captain Horne to the Governor read as follows.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Yesterday I applyed to Mr. Parsons, for one Syrang, four Tindals, and fifty Lascars, to be put immediately under my care, for the use of the Works, Agreable to your Order on Major Fells, & my representation to you on Sunday, I have received an Answer from the Board of Works, that that order cannot be complyed with, that what Lascars are wanted, must be daily indented for, specifying for what particular service.

Letter to Captn. Mathew Horne Commandant of the Artillery desires to have part of the Lascars entirely under him.

As I cannot help looking on this very particular regulation, as an reflection on my application of the Lascars employed in the Artillery, cannot help thinking myself ill used, As I am not conscious of having been guilty of the least

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neglect, but will venture to say, that the state of the Artillery, and stores belonging to that Branch, are in as good order as can reasonably be expected from the very bad condition I found the whole Garrison in, at the time of Major Barkers departure.

As I have no particular Allowance as Commandant of Artillery, nor as Fire master, must beg leave to request, you'll appoint some Person to superintend the Laboratory who will be Answerable to you, & the Commandant of the Troops, for the stores being Property made up, Any thing that may be wanting on the works, I will send & acquaint the Board of Works, of whose Duty I presume it will now be to cause it to be done.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt. humble servant

MATHEW HORNE.

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not comply'd with.

The Board are greatly satisfy'd with Captn. Horne's behaviour in General, but as at Madras, it has never been thought a reflection on the Commandant of Artillery, to indent for the Lascars to the Committee of Works, they cannot comply with his request, and the rather, as it would entirely overset the regulations they have lately made for the good of the service.

Artillery officer of the Day to visit the Laboratory.

A Serjeant superintends the Laboratory, as the Board are informed, that at Madras it is visited by an officer, Agreed that Captain's Horne be desired, if this Custom is followed at Madras, to give the necessary Directions here.

Read also a Letter from Mr. John Nodes Paymaster at Cavita.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR. &
TO THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL AT MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

In Answer to the Paragraph in your letter of the 26th. concerning the Lascars I must beg leave to observe to you, that the Subsistance I have issued monthly to them, has been exactly conformable to the Paper of Instructions I received at the time of my being first appointed Paymaster, being two Pagodas, or seven Rupees, excluding the additional Gratuity of one Dollar per month. so

R. R. B.

that, if they receive only 8–3–2 Per month, at Manilha, they have certainly lesse reason to complain here than there.

Having hitherto understood, that the Lascars were solely under the Command, & Direction of the Artillery Officer, He has always drawn for their Pay, & into his hands I have regularly issued it, as abovementioned, If he has not been as exact in paying them, he is consequently culpable for such neglect. But since Mr. Brooke has informed me, they should always be paid by me All Complaints of this kind will undoubtedly be put a stop to.

I am with due respect
Gentlemen

Your most obedt. & most hble. servant

JOHN NODES.

CAVITA
MAY 29TH. 1763.

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The Lascars are to be entirely under the Paymaster, Ordered therefore, that a letter be prepared by the Secretary, in answer to the above, & to acknowledge the recit of one from him to Mr. Brooke, acquainting him, that Batta includes every other charge, and that Cavita being a subordinacy, where few stores are made up, The Board think that ½ a rupee ℔ day to the Serjeant, superintending the Laboratory, sufficient.

Purport of a Letter to Mr. John Nodes.

The Paymaster presents a Bill from a Chinese, for destroying the Church of S^{t}. Iago, by Contract with the Engineer, amounting to 320 doll^{s}. As the Engineer mentioned the Terms to the Governor, who approved of them, & as it was evidently the cheapest method; Ordered that it be paid.

Bill for distroying the Church of to be paid.

The Paymaster also tenders to the Board a Bill from M^{r}. Glassford amounting to Doll^{s}. forty for 24 Days he acted as Superintendant of the marine yard. As he actually served in that Capacity the Board consent to the Payment there of.

also a bill to M^{r}. Glassford to be paid.

Captain Flint presents a Bill for saddles &^{ca}. which is ordered to be paid.

also one for saddles.

M^{r}. Kennedy also tenders his Accounts for last month not being sufficiently explicit, ordered, that they be returned to be explained.

M^{r}. Robert commanding the Speedwell, tenders to the Board Bills for 136–4 for the Impress, & sundry charges of the Brig. amounting to 28–4 Ordered that they be discharged.

Impress & Charges of the Speedwell Brig.

As the Commandant of Artillery acquaints the Board that there are many more Guns & Carriages than are necessary at Cavita, resolved that the Speedwell be dispatched thither to fetch them.

Speedwell to proceed to Cavita to bring hither Cannon &^{ca}.

The Board being informed, that the sloop Pasig has sprung a leak, Ordered that it be repaired, that her mariners if their Impress is expired, be discharged, and that M^{r}. Saulnier being recovered from his late Indisposition, do take the Command of her.

sloop Pasig springs a Leak ordered to be repaired M^{r}. Saulnier to take the Com^{d}. of her.

As an Encouragement to the seapoy Cavalry to take the French, & other Deserters in the service of M^{r}. Anda, resolved that 20 Dollars be given as a reward for every one brought in.

Twenty Doll^{rs}. to be paid as a reward for every Deserter brot. in.

Account of Provisions laid in by the Contractors presented to the Board, which they think sufficient.

no more Provisions to be laid in store by the Contractors.

Capt^{n}. Faizan delivers in the following Letter in Answer to the Archbishops Letter of the 26th. ultimo on the subject of the People kill'd at Quiapo.

Letter from Capt^{n}. Faizan concerning some Indians killed at Quiapo.

GENTLEMEN,

Agreable to the order that I have received from you, to answer the Archbishops Letter, here is the relation of my proceedings.

Being gone out with a Detachment, by order of Major Fell the Night of the 25th. to the 26th. of May in order to march against our rebels, on my Arrival at the Fortin of the Parian I found M^{r}. Kennedy, with an number of Chinese who informed me, in presence of M^{r}. Russell the Town Major & the officers of my Detachment /that there were many of our French Deserters & some Spaniards & Indians in the Church of Quiapo, who had fired upon the Chinese & had kill'd some, and that these being gone in a greater number had surrounded

them in the said Church this induced me to follow a Captain of the Chinese who conducted me to Quiapo Church (having invested it) I got it broke open, & ordered a Small part of my Detachment to enter it & seize the People they should find it, some Chinese followed them & mossaired some Indians as soon as I perceived it, I ran to them Pistol in hand, & declared that I would kill the first that should touch any body an armed, I ordered my People to turn the Chinese out of the Church, and brought out at least 50 women Children & old men, who without me, had lost their Lives, two Gentlemen Inhabitants of this Place, came to my House after my arrival & said before one of our officers that several women of Quiapo that were come into the Town the same morning had declared that they should all have been killed by the Chinese, had not the officer who commanded hindered it, during that time and at our going out of the Church a great many musquets were fired upon my Detachment from the Houses of the village of Quiapo down to S^{t}. Sebastian; had I followed the Laws of war I should have reduced all the village to Ashes, but I did not permit a musquet to be fired & set out from thence to go take the road of the Jesuits Garden/ in pursuit of the orders I had received in hopes of having time enough to take in the rear the Enemy that I then abandoned, but unluckily some obstacles have prevented it.

It is hard upon officers who have served honorably for years & with the Approbation of their superiors to have their Conduct censured from the representations of an Enemy as Ignorant of the Custom of war among Polite Nations as they would be unwilling to practise them were they acquainted with them— If I have been to blame it was for extending my Humanity too far, a Fault I shall be cautious of being guilty of again.

I am with respect

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient & most humble servant

ABRAM FAIZAN.

MANILHA
JUNE 6TH. 1763.

Copy thereof to be sent to the Archbishop.

Ordered that a Copy of it be transmitted to the Archbishop which the Board hope will fully convince him of the Injustice of his Complaints.

The Governor reads the Cash Account as entered hereafter.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

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D^r. THE HONBLE COMPANYS CASH. C^r.

							Dollars	R	B
1763	To Ballance brought from last Months Acc^t.	112,236	2	2	1763 May 1st.	By Account Current London advanced Don Manuel Antonio De Roxo late Gov^r. of Manilha for the subsistence of the Royal Spanish Officers Civil & Military for Bills on the Royal Treasury of Madrid	3,850	—	—
	To a Champan sold Mess^rs. Toundan & Sousa ..	185	—	—		By the Paymaster advanced Henry Brooke for the Charges of his Employ	22,000	—	—
							25,850	—	—
						By Ballance carried to next Months Account	86,571	2	2
	Dollars	112,421	2	2		Dollars	112,421	2	2

MANILHA 31^ST. MAY 1763.
ERRORS EXCEPTED.

Sent a Letter to His Excellency the Archbishop to Capt^n. Mathew Horne & to Captain Brereton as follows.

To DON MANUEL ANTONIO ROXO
ARCHBISHOP OF MANILHA.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR,

A Copy of the Letter we had the Honor to receive from you the 28^th. ultimo, concerning the Indians killed at Quiapo, the preceeding Day was delivered to the Officer that Commanded the Detachment, that he might justify himself from the Imputation thrown on him His Answer thereto now waits upon you, & must, we are persuaded, convince you, that our Troops so far from encouraging & supporting the Chinese, did their utmost to hinder the Effusion of human Blood. It is with great Concern we observe your readiness to complain on every occasion, althō you cannot but know that in a time of War Accidents of this kind are not to be avoided, however Sir, had a proper regard been paid to the solemn Engagements entered into by the Spaniards, or had M^r. Anda & his Adherents observed the Customs of War as practised between civilized Nations, the Inhabitants of the Neighbouring villages would not have felt the heavy Calamities they have suffered nor would the Spaniards of this City be subjected to any inconvenience, they at present labour under. We are sensible of their misfortunes, we really lament for them & have used our utmost Efforts to alleviate them. We sincerely wish a speedy end to the present Troubles & are with great Esteem & respect.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR,

Your most Obedient humble Servants

MANILHA
JUNE 17^TH. 1763.

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&^CA. COUNCIL.

—— *MANILHA, JUNE 1763* ——

To Captain Horn
Commandant of Artillery.

Sir,

The Governor has Communicated to Us the Contents of your Letter to him of the 24th. ultimo which gives us an Opportunity of assuring you that your Conduct in the Command of the Artillery has been greatly to our satisfaction.

With regard to the Lascars we must however remark to you that at Madras when Committee of Works has long been established the Commandant of Artillery always applyed for the Lascars he required & he never complained of it as a reflection meant upon him. The Lascars that are on Duty at Night think it no hardship to work half of the succeeding Day thereby the Expence of Chinese Coolies that would be employed in their room is saved to the Company & by the whole of them taking this service & in their turns they will in a short time be as well trained to the Artillery as the 50 you lately indented for, for which reasons therefore we cannot comply with your request.

A Serjeant of Artillery constantly attends to superintend the Laboratory we apprehend it to be the Duty of the Artillery Officer of the Day to visit & see that every thing is conducted in a proper manner, & if this is the established Custom at Madras (as we believe it is) you will please to give the necessary Directions for that purpose.

We are

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servants

Manilha
June 7th. 1763.

Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Council.

To William Brereton Esqr.
Castiliano of Cavita.

Sir,

The Commandant of Artillery having acquainted us that there are many more Guns & Carriages than are necessary at Cavita & having occasion for them at Manilha, we now send Captn. Roberts in the Speedwell Brig. for them & I beg you will direct the Artillery Officer to deliver them to him The Guns & Carriages to be sent hither were some time since pointed out to him & marked by the Commandant of Artillery.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servants

Dawsonne Drake Govr.
&ca. Council.

P. S.

You will be pleased to order the Officer Commanding the Sloop to deliver her over to Mr. Saulnier that a Leak she has sprung may be repaired & if you have any sheet T in store at Cavita we beg the favour of your spring it to us for the service.

Manilha
June 6th. 1763.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY 11TH JUNE.

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. President.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Spratt.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

I send you the Account of the Seapoys and Lascars that were on the Expedition to Bulican amounting to 1468–5–6 Drs, to be laid before the Honble Board & I hope Gentlemen you will be so good to order it for Payment.

Letter from Mr. Sprat requesting to be paid for having victualled the seapoys & Lascars on the Bulican Expedition.

I had a great deal of trouble and much fatigue every Day besides requiring my Life to serve the Honble Company the whole Account is Examined and adjusted by the Commanding Officer According to the Custom of the Army that every thing might be fair & just before it was brought to be laid before the Honble Board I hope Gentlemen you will be kind enough to take this Affair into Consideration after running so great a risque, Toil and so much Labour— it will be near six months longer before I shall have an opportunity to go from hence to Madras, the sum to the Honble Company is but a Trifle but to me is great.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient and very humble Servant,
JOHN SPRAT.

MANILHA
JUNE 1ST. 1763.

Ordered that Mr. Sprat be acquainted that the black Troops are never victualled by the Company but as he did furnish them in the same manner as the Europeans he be directed to deliver in an Account of the sums by him expended to be laid before the Commandant of Seapoys who will accordingly settle with him.

Orders in consequence.

Mr. Anderson appointed Surgeon delivers in a Bill for his Pay amounting to Dollrs. 210 for the months of January February March April May and June—Ordered that it be paid.

Mr. Anderson presents a Bill for 210 Dollrs. as Surgeon to be paid.

Captain Brereton having acquainted Mr. Nodes that on the Coast the Captains of his Majestys Ships are allowed a Palanquin, servants &ca. Agreed that 10 Pagodas or 16 Dolls be granted instead of such Indulgencies & that a Letter be accordingly addressed to acquaint Captn. Peighin therewith.

Report of a Letter to Captn. Peighin.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Sent a Letter to Captn. Peighin Commanding His Majesty's Ship Seaford as follows. June 11th.

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To Captain John Peighin
Commanding His Majesty's Ship Seaford.

Sir,

Your Letter concerning the allowances granted to the Commanders of His Majesty's Ships at Madras and Bombay is now before us and we cannot but express some surprize, that the first address we have received from you, should accuse us of not paying a due regard to His majesty's Sea Officers by not granting you allowances, which you never publickly requested We must however sir acquaint you, that Personal & Private applications, cannot even be taken into Consideration by us, as a Publick Body without breaking thró rules strictly laid down for our Observance.

We are now informed that a Palanquin, a Horse, & Servants, are indulgencies usually granted at Madras, to the Captains of His Majesty's Ships, and accordingly have directed the Paymaster to pay to you monthly, the sum of Dollˢ. 10 in lieu hereof. A Horse we are informed Captain Brereton has already provided you with, to your seking.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedᵗ. Servᵗ.

Dawsonne Drake
&ᶜᴬ. Council.

Manilha
June 11ᵀᴴ. 1763.

Monday 13ᵀᴴ. June.

At a Consultation

Present

Dawsonne Drake Esqᴿ. Deputy Govᴿ. President.
John Lewin Smith. Henry Brooke.
Henry Parsons. William Stevenson.

Read the following Letters from Captⁿ. William Brereton, Castitiano at at Cavita, & Captⁿ. Mathew Horne Commanding of Artillery.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqᴿ.
&ᶜᴬ. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen,

Letter from the Castiliano recommending a stockade to run across the Istmus at Cavita.

As some Gentlemen were taking an airing yesterday in the afternoon on the Plain beyond Sᵗ. Roque, they were pursued by a Party of the Enemy's Horse /to the Number of about 150/ quite into Sᵗ. Roque, but were drove away on a Partys marching out of the Garrison. We unfortunately lost one seapoy in the skirmish, I was under the necessity of Keeping a party out at Sᵗ. Roque all night to prevent the Enemy's setting it on Fire, and I know of nothing that will save the village, unless there is a Stockade run across the Istmus beyond the Church.

I assembled the Principal People of that Place this morning, who are willing to Pay for the Labour of that work to be carry'd on if you will find them, Wood—Please to let me know if I shall furnish them with materials, that it may be carry'd into Execution without loss of time, & whilst that work is carrying on, I shall station one of the Galleys to Flank the neck of Land,

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about five miles from St. Roque where these Horse, or indeed Foot, must pass, for if these Plunderers are suffered, to come upon the Stanswella, we shall be soon in the utmost distress.

selling of & complaining of the Arrack at that Place as the soldiery were often Drunk.

I am sorry to tell you Gentlemen that upon Mustering our Forces yesterday a great many of the men were immensely Drunk; it is morally impossible to prevent it, whilst the arrack Licence Exists, for thó the People authorised to sell it do not themselves sell it to the soldiers they can always get a Mallay to purchase for them for a small reward.

One of the 79th. Regiment Deserted some Days ago when he was Drunk and was of the Enemy's Party yesterday, He called to our Officers and told them they should not be hurt, but, they did not chuse to trust them—I fear the Enemy will soon be strengthen'd unless this arrack Licence is taken away.

The Brig. has got the Guns &c. in, & will sail as soon as there is any wind.

I have employed my first Lieut. to fit out the Phillippine and whilst I can spare him, will continue him in the Command of her, if you approve of it.

I am

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient Humble Servant

WILLIAM BRERETON.

CAVITA
12TH. JUNE 1763.

The Board approve of Captn. Brereton's recommendation regarding the Stockade, but as the agents charge the Tember at an immense rate, they never can think of Purchasing from them the Quantity that would be necessary for the Purpose as it would amount to a considerable sum if however Palmiras &ca. can be procured they will not be backward to comply with his request.

The vice of Drunkenness once greatly reigned in Manilha, but by severely punishing the retailers of arrack it has at last been in a great measure suppressed, & if Captn. Brereton follows the Example used here, the Board flatter themselves the like success will attend him.

Captn. Horne desired to continue the Laboratory as heretofore opinion of the Board on the allows he requests.

Resolved that Captn. Horne be desired to continue the Laboratory in the same manner as heretofore, Fresh Instructions concerning allowances particularly are shortly expected should however His, not be included a Copy of his application shall be transmitted to the President & Council of Madras.

Paymasters accounts read & passed.

The Paymaster's Accounts read Mr. Engineer Stevenson observes to the Board that altho the Charges of Fortifications are said to amount to Dolls. 3079–6–6 in fact no more than 5 or 600 Dolls. are expended the rest being for repairs of Quarters Barrack &ca.

Mr. Engineer Stevenson's remarks upon them.

Mr. Smith lays before the Board account of Stores purchased by Mr. Dodd for the Company which he requests Payment of

Mr. Smith lays before the Board a Bill from Mr. Dodd for sundry stores purchased by him which by Letter he assures him he had paid for, out of his own Cash—Ordered that Mr. Smith the Marine Paymaster Do pay the Charges which have arisen from the vessells and Mr. Nodes those which have been furnished for the Garrison.

—— *MANILHA, JUNE 1763* ——

Mr. Nodes to enquire concerng. Tiles charged in the above Bill.

As in the above Bill there is a remarkable high charge of Tiles ordered that the Paymaster do enquire concerning the usual Rate and Resolved also that in future Mr. Nodes be directed to purchase such stores as may be wanted.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

This Letter being laid aside, was omitted entering in last Consultation is therefore now entered as follows.

It is the greatest satisfaction, that I find by your Letter to me of the 7th. Instant that my Conduct in the Command of the artillery meets with your approbation, no circumstance will ever afford me so great pleasure as the Continuation of it.

With regard to the Laboratory, permit me to acquaint you that you are misinformed, of the manner of its being Conducted at Madras, before the Siege it was under the care of Captn. Hieslop, some Stores proving but indifferent, the blame was laid upon him, After the Seige Captn. Parker who was left Commanding Officer in the Town, refused taking charge of the Laboratory, without a salary for that Duty, and asked 10 s. pr. Day, the pay of the Deputy Fire Master at Woolwick; the Council came to a resolution to allow 4 pr. Day, than it should be determined from home, Captn. Barker did not chuse to accept of that allowances himself, but appointed Lt. Wilson, who superintended the Laboratory, than he had an opportunity of going into the Field Captn. Wells then had that Office at his death—Major Barker appointed Mr. Tellars who we left in that Post when we came from Madras The Artillery Officer of the day visits the Laboratory to see there is no Drinking, Gaming, &CA. but has no Business to give Directions there, In the same manner it is Conducted at Bompay, and all His Majesty's Garrisons abroad, Where there is Artillery, the difference being only in the sallary, Double pay is likewise allowed to every Officer that Commands any Detachment of the Kings Artillery abroad, Captn. Winter now is allowed it from the Board of Ordnance besides his allowance of £200 pr. ann. from the Honble Company and Major's Batta when in the Field, whether Major Barker had any allowance besides his Pay I am not Certain but have some reason to believe he had, if any allowances of this kind can be made, I am persuaded you'll think it the more reasonable if you reflect that three Officer out of Four of the rings Artillery have more Pay than I have, that I have the Honor of now Commanding, if none can be made on the Honble Company's Account if the Island is restored at the Conclusion of the War, to Spain, and either of the Crowns bear the Expence of the Expedition I hope it will be thought reasonable that the same allowances are made me, as those Officers that enjoy the same Posts In any of his Majesty's Garrisons.

I have the Honor to be

GENTLEMEN

Your most obedient humble Servant

MATHEW HORNE.

MANILHA
JUNE THE 12TH. 1763.

—— *MANILHA, JUNE 1763* ——

Dispatched a Letter to Wm. Brereton Esqr. Castiliano of Cavita as follows.

To William Brereton Esqr.
Castiliano of Cavita.

Sir,

Your favor of the 12th. Instant reached us Yesterday.

We perceive the Utility of the Stockade You recommend & if Palmiras or Coconut Trees can be provided at a cheap rate we will readily comply with the Proposal of the Inhabitants of St. Roque, we in consequence beg you will enquire whether any can be contracted for, in your Neighbourhood, for we could never undertake to purchase any of the Captors for that purpose at the immense Price their Agents Charge.

We should labour under the same Difficulty as you represent with regard to the Selling of Arrack to the Soldiers had we not used our endeavors to suppress the vice of Drunkenness, we have succeeded, & by punishing the retailers with a very severe flogging making them Work in the Naval Yard with Irons to prevent their Escape or sending them to Manilha where we will employ them in beating Paddy &ca. we flatter ourselves the like success will attend you.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Council.

Manilha
June 15th. 1763.

Delivered also a Letter to Captn. Mathew Horne of the Artillery.

To Mathew Horne.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 12th. and desire you will continue the Laboratory in the same manner as heretofore. We are unacquainted with any allowances lately granted on the Coast to Major Barker the Commandant of Artillery. We daily expect advices from Madras and hope with fresh instructions relating to every Employ, should the President and Council however omit yours a Copy of your application shall be transmitted to them and we doubt not but they will comply therewith if it has been Customary.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants

Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Council.

Manilha
June 16th. 1763.

— *MANILHA, JUNE 1763* —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

FRIDAY 16TH. JUNE 1763.

Mr. Quintin Crawford appointed Deputy Treasurer.

As the Business of the Treasury has always been more than the Governor could properly attend to resolved that Mr. Quintin Crawford be appointed Deputy Treasurer, and that two Locks be put on the door of the Treasury the key of one of which to remain with the Governor & that of the other with Mr. Crawford.

Read a letter from Mr. Sprat as follows.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Second application from Mr. Spratt concerning the victualling the black Troops at Bulacan.

I received the Extract of Consultation & I find by that, that you don't chuse to allow the black Troops were victual'd by the Company but my agreement and my orders was to victual them, just the same, as the Europeans, they received their Provisions daily, and I took the same Care to supply the black Troope as I did the Europeans for which reason I hope the Honorable Board will take the whole affair into their Consideration & will be pleased to allow me one real a day for victualling the black Troops which is as small allowance, as it can be done for.

I am
GENTLEMEN,
Your most Obedient and very humble Servant
JOHN SPRAT.

MANILHA
JUNE 13TH. 1763.

Captn. Flint to pay him the Batta of the Sepoys, for the Lascars he is refer'd to Madras.

The Governor will direct Captn. Flint to pay to him the Batta that he received on account of the Sepoys, but with regard to the Lascars who have already been paid their Batta—agreed that his Demand be referred to the President and Council of Madras, as endeavoring to stop it out of their Pay might be attended with very bad Consequences.

Read a Letter from Mr. John Nodes Paymaster at Cavita.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
GOVR. AND TO THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL AT MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Letter from Mr. Nodes at Cavita.

The Sloop which you ordered to be repaired with the utmost Expedition, is found so bad that unless, she has an entire new Sheathing, she will be unfit for Service & is needless to employ any workmen about her, as I understand it will be a long time before she can be compleated, and the Expence perhaps very heavy, I have ordered the workmen to desist meddling with her, untill I have instructions from you, how to proceed in this case.

Captn. Brereton having ordered the large galley to be manned, and sent up to the Neck of Land beyond St. Roque, to prevent the Enemy from moving this way, Mr. Saulnier and his People might during the time his Vessell is repairing very well take charge of her and at the same time save the Expence of Batta which otherwise will incurr.

—— *MANILHA, JUNE 1763* ——

I take the Opportunity of sending, for your Perusal a most extraordinary indent made to me for Stores, by Mr. Glasford (lately appointed to command the new vessel, called the Phillippina) and as he is so immoderately unreasonable in his Demands, I should be glad to have your opinion thereupon that I may know what Articles may be complied with.

I am with due respect

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient & most humble Servant

JOHN NODES.

CAVITA
JUNE 14TH. 1763.

If the leak can easily become at Ordered that the Sloop be repaired, or at least put in a Condition to go a short Cruize, but if much time will be required or any great Expence incurred (as is represented) that She for the present be laid up & that an Estimate of the Charges of sheathing be prepared, also that Mr. Saulnier & the Sloop's Crew, be removed to the large Galley in the mean time.

Sloop to be repaired if attended with no great expence otherwise to be laid up.

The Board cannot think Mr. Glassfords Indent very unreasonable agreed therefore that the Guns be sent on Board and that such other part as is necessary be prepared but as these cannot be hands for her even were she ready resolved that her rigging only be fitted that if there should be occasion for sending her out she might at a short Notice be ready for Sea.

sloops Crew to be removed to the large Galley at Cavita.

Phillipina to be rigg'd.

Five Seapoys having carried a Boat with ammunition up to Pasig notwithstanding they were fired at from a Party of 500 mallcontents gathered on the Banks of the river beyond St. Anns Resolved that 25 Dolls. be given them as an acknowledgement for their Bravery a Demand for a supply of Ordnance Stores for the use of the Honble East India Company's Snow Phillipina vizt.

Reward to 5 sepoys for carrying a boat with ammunition to Pasig althó attacked by a Body of 500 Indians.

To Mr. John Nodes Ordnance Storekeeper.

Ordnance brass	3 prs.	10			
Swivels	1 Dº.	12			
Round Shot .. .	.. 3	300			
Grape Shot	3	60	Crows of iron of 3 feet		10
	1	72	Breechings of 3 Inch.		15
Swivel Shot	1	300			
Grape Shot boxes ..	..	3	Tackles Compt. of 1½		20
	3 Prs.	320	with block & Hooks		..
Paper Cartridges ..	1	370	Tallow lbs.		14
Copper Pr. meas. ..	3	1			
	1	1	Marline Skains		6
Cases of wood	3	15	Junk 6wts. Qrs. lbs.		46
Ladles & Spunges	3	10	Handgranadoes fix'd		50
Compleat	1	12	Boxes for Dº.		10
Wadhooks with Rammer heads ..	3	3	Musquets bright		12
	1	3	Bayonetts for Dº.		12
Sheep Skins to boat			Seabboards for Dº.		12
Surges	..	12	Pistols ribb'd . . . pairs		10
Spung Tacks ..	..	500	Cartouch Boxes wth. Bills & Frogs ..		20
Carn'd Powder in Pounds	...	250	Boxes for Cartrs. musquet		1
			Pistol		1
Match lbs.	...	56	Musket Rods		25

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Tann'd Hides	2	Flints { Musquet			100
		Pestol			50
Lanthorns { Hand	1	Shot Pounds { Musquet			56
Dark	1	Pestol			28
Powder Horns	22				10
Preming Horns ..	22	{ Fine Paper Quires			10
		Sweet oil Gall^{s}.			5
Aprons of Lead { Large. ..	12	Pole axes			10
Small. ..	15	Swords with Scabboards			12
Hand Crowlivers 3½ feet	12	Betts for D^{o}.			12
		Drums Compleat			1

JA^{s}. GLASFORD.

M^{r}. Brooke having represented the great want he is under of an additional assistant to his Employ Agreed that he be permitted to entertain one with the monthly allowance of 30 Dollars.

In case the Islands should be ceded to the Government or a Settlement allowed to the Company it will be very material to have some of their servants acquainted with the Spanish Language and M^{r}. Goodlad having expressed a desire to Learn it agreed that 25 Doll^{s}. per month be allowed for that purpose.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

AT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY JUNE 17TH.

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQ^{R}. DEPUTY GOV^{R}. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Read the following Letter from the Castiliano of Cavita.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQ^{R}.
&C^{A}. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

I wrote a Publick letter to your Board the 12th. Instant, in the morning which was delivered in the Palace between the Hours of Nine and Ten in the same morning which is more than four Days past I cannot help expressing my extreme surprize at your not replying to that letter as the purport demanded immediate Consideration.

I cannot think Gentlemen, that any Emolument arising to the Company from the Arrack Farm, can be put in Competition with the safety of Garrison, therefore, I have thought it indispensibly necessary, to forbid the Selling of arrack either publickly or privately under pain of death, and as the welfare of this Garrison depeids on the daily supplies we receive from the large village of S^{t}. Roque, and the safety of that village depends on the Stockade, I wrote to you about in my last Letter, I have also undertaken to give direction to carry that work into Execution the whole expence not amounting (in the opinion of the Carpenters &^{ca}.) to 1000 D^{rs}.

Yesterday afternoon about seven hundred of the Enemy's Horse appeared on the Plain, near S^{t}. Roque, I immediately sent out a party of Horse & Foot with a Field Piece, who drove the Enemy off, towards Leyton after a smart cannonading.

—— *MANILHA, JUNE 1763* ——

We cannot ascertain the mischief done to the Enemy as they retired into a Tope, but many of their Horses were seen running the Plain without their riders this morning.

An Hour ago, I received intelligence, that the Enemy were in motion at Tiralto & Leyton, the villages where these People have taken up their residence, and I am this moment advised of their approach by the Galleys Fireing at them as they pass over the Istmus to the Estanswella.

As the Enemy have turned out the Poor Inhabitants of the villages abovementioned to Possess their Habitations I shall send a party under the Command of Captn. Bishop in the morning, to destroy those two villages, that the Enemy may have no Cover on the side the river Chains, which may put a stop to their frequent visits this way.

I must now intreat a reinforcement for this Garrison, as it is impossible for the small number in it to undergo the fatigue that is necessary for its present defence, whilst we have so many of the Enemy, near us, and I cannot hold it safe to have my Ship unmanned every day, especially as it is now Commenced the Season for Ships to arrive in this Bay.

I enclose you a Demand for Artillery Stores wanting for the use of this Garrison, which I beg may be immediately Complied with & am

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient humble Servant

WILLIAM BRERETON.

CAVITA
JUNE 16TH. 1763.

Resolved that a Letter be wrote to Captain Brereton, acquainting him, that it is not in our power to spare him any reinforcements but that on the arrival of Captn. Backhouse from Lipa 20 Lascars shall be sent to him.

As it is of great Consequence to prevent the workmen from abandoning the Yard at Cavita & unless the English will in some measure protect them not any dependance can be placed on them, notwithstanding their former attachment the malecontents often entering their village of St. Roque plundering and killing them and they undertake to carry a stockade across the Isthmus which will prevent the Inroads of the Enemy, on condition of their being supply'd with Timber for that purpose. The Board think it advisable to alter their former resolution Agreed therefore that Captn. Brereton be acquainted that on Condition of the Agent for the Captors furnishing the Timber he shall be paid a Consideration of 1,000 Dollars but as with Palmiras it may be affected at a much less Expence, if they can be procured, Ordered that it be undertaken and carryed on therewith the Inhabitants being at the Expence of Carpenters &ca.

Resolved that the necessary Sentry Boxes and repairs to Godowns at Cavita be forthwith made.

Ordered also, that the Military Storekeeper do make up 2 blue Flags for signals &ca. send one to Cavita.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

—— *MANILHA, JUNE 1763* ——

To William Brereton Esq^R^.
Castiliano of Cavita.

Sir,

In your Letter of the 16^th^. we explained to you our Sentiments with regard to the Arrack Farmers we now repeat that they are not to be permitted to sell any to the Europeans but that in the present Situation of the Companys Affairs we cannot give up any of the small revenue they enjoy.

We likewise wrote you concerning the stockade however as it is of Consequence to keep the Inhabitants of S^t^. Roque in our Interest, if the agent for the Captors will undertake to provide a sufficient Quantity of wood for the Palisadoes for 1000 Doll^s^.—and the people will be at the Expence of the Work we will in consideration thereof engage to pay to him that sum.

If it is necessary the villages you mention to harbour the malecontents, may be burnt.

It is not in our Power to spare you any reinforcement, but when Capt^n^. Backhouse returns we will endeavor to let you have 20 Lascars.

Your Indent has been delivered to the Military storekeeper, who will comply with it, as far as possible.

We are informed that the repairs of the Sloop Pasig will take up a considerable time to be compleated, we therefore beg you will direct the Officer of the Galley cruizing of the Isthmus, to deliver over the Command of her to M^r^. Saulnier who will likewise remove on board her, the Crew of the Sloop.

The State of the Treasury being greatly reduced, if the agents for the Captors have any Cash by them you will oblige us by procuring it on the Companys Account.

We are

Sir

Your most obed^t^. Servants

Dawsonne Drake
&^ca^. Council.

Manilha
June 17^th^. 1763.

17^th^. Sent the following Letters to Captain Brereton & M^r^. John Nodes at Cavita.

To M^R^. John Nodes
Paymaster at Cavita.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 14^th^. Instant.

If the leak in the Sloop can easily become at, we would have it stopt as there may be occasion perhaps for her being sent to cruize off the Corregedore, if it will take much time or be attended with any great Expence she must be laid up and an Estimate prepared of the Charges that will be incurred by new Sheathing her. In the mean time M^r^. Saulnier and his People may be removed to the large Galley cruizing of the Istmus.

The Phillippenas Indent may be partly complyed with, as to Guns &^ca^. the other should be prepared—we have not any men to spare for her & therefore would only have her so fitted that she may at a short notice be able to sail.

—— *MANILHA, JUNE 1763* ——

As it is necessary you are to cause a few Centry Boxes to be made & the Barracks & the Storehouses to be made watertight but we recommended to you to keep a good look out after the workmen to see that they do their Duty and that every thing be conducted with the utmost ecconomy.

We are

SIR

Your Affectionate Friends

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
17TH. JUNE 1763.

18TH. Arrived the Sabut Jung Captn. George Scott from Batavia.

19TH. Received the following advices from that Place—That a Dutch Ship arrived there several days before their Departure which having been obliged by contrary Winds to put into England the Captn. had there been informed that the Havannah had been taken by Storm, and that 13 French & Spanish Ships of War were found in the Harbour with a register Ship and 2 or 3 laden with Church Plate, that the King of Prussia, had gained a Compleat victory over the Austrians, that a Peace had been agreed upon between the English and French, and to compleat the whole, that the Queen had been safely delivered of a son & Heir, to the great Happiness of the Nation—in consequence of which 21 Guns & 3 volleys of musquetry were fired in Testimony of our great joy on the Occasion.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. WILLIAM STEVENSON.
HENRY PARSONS MR. BROOKE, *indisposed*

Read the following Letters from the Resident at Batavia.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL AT MANILHA.

WORSHIPFUL SIR & SIRS,

Letters from the Resident at Batavia Earl Temple sails from thence.

Herewith you will please to receive duplicate of my last Respects, which waited on you pr. the Honble Companys ship Earl Temple, Captn. Peter Macleshin, who I hope will be safely arrived wth. you before this reaches your hands, the Commander having carried from hence two of the Companys slaves, I beg you will demand them, and not pay him the diet money, which I suppose he will charge, of four Fanams pr. diem, as by not putting them on board the Diligent, I have been put to extraordinary Expences, as well as no little Trouble, to get that vessel mann'd for sea.

Inclosed I transmit you Copy of a Letter from the late Commander of the Ship Walpole, dated at the Cape of Good Hope, giving an account of the

unfortunate Capture of that Ship, and advices of the Enemy's Squadren referring you thereto, and nothing else offering, I have not to add, but that I am with respect.

WORSHIPFUL SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most humble Servant
BATAVIA THE 28TH. MAY 1763. JOHN HERBERT.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Your favour under date the 15th. March Elapsed directed to Mr. Randolph Marriot, or the President for the time being came duely to hand by the Sabut Jung Captn. Scott who imported here on the 14th. ultimo.

Give me leave to congratulate your Worship & Council, on the important acquisition of Manilha, which besides the Pecuniary Premium, the Honble Company shares by the Article of Capitulation, must in process of time /should it not be precipitately given up/ be of immence Benifit to them, being most happily situated for a Commerce in spice, as well as many other valuable Branches, which our good Friends, and allies, have for a series of years so unaccountably monopoliz'd.

Before this reaches your hands I hope that the Male Contents in the Country have been totally subdued and Tranquility restored, throughout the Phillippine Islands; many People in this City were not without great Expectation, but that the subtlety of the Priests, after the Departure of our Fleet would be efficacious enough to overthrow the English, too open, and of too unguarded a Disposition; and that party place much Confidence in Plotts, & Conspiracies, which it would be impertinent, in me to recommend our Worship & Council to guard against being conscious you are very well acquainted with their underhand machinations—Proper measures have been taken by Messrs. Carvalho & Scott to prevent the Notice of the Troubles in the Country, taking Air, a very prudent and Necessary step, and should our Trusty Friends by any advices they may receive, hereafter be prompted to throw in any succours or supplies, I shall not fail to comply with your orders of tendering them a Protest.

This waits on you by their Honor's ship the Earl Temple, Captn. Peter Macleshin, on which I left Fort Marlbró the 14th. of February late, with orders to repair her at this Port & Dispatch her to Canton; but the General & Council could not be prevailed on to grant their Permission to effect the repairs which she so much stands in need of, her consignation in that case was to have been to the Malabar Coast, but the too bad condition and lateness of the season to proceed to Bombay, together with other circumstances made me resolve to despatch her consigned to your Worship &CA. Cl. where agreeable to the best Information I could obtain I concluded she might receive a thorough repair and arrive at Canton timely to save her season home, and be of utility in protecting the homeward bound China ships, agreeable to the Honble Company's ships and Intentions when she left Europe. This resolution was taken before the arrival of the Sabut Jung, the Commander of which gave me different accounts of the conveniency of your Port for expediting a Busines of that sort, but things being gone too far to change her destination on many accounts, & the consideration of what good Consequences a ship of her appearance and Men may be to you, in your situation should no naval Force arrive soon from the other side, and the two Men of War you now have be withdrawn, made me still persist thereon.

Not knowing but that the Fleet might have expended the stores and Materials commonly procurable at your Place, I had loaded, to obviate such a want,

a Parcel of large Timbers sawed Plank, nails, Iron and sheet Lead, that her repairs might meet with no obstruction on that Quarter, a specification of these Articles is in her Batavia Account Current which comes enclosed for your Worship &ca. Councils Government and Information, by which you will observe that she is fully provided with all sorts of naval Stores, and Provisions for 18 or 20 Months, so that in case you should be necessitated you will in course require them from her.

The Commander representing to me that the heavy Timbers she has on board, requiring from their Length to be stowed between decks, and insisting that she was in too bad a condition and not trust worthy to go to Sea with a cargo that bears any sort of comparison with her Estimated Tonnage, I have been sparing in that Point; enclosed you will be pleased to receive the Invoice thereof and manifest of the Trade laden on board her by the Commander and Officers, that in case it exceeds their Previleges you may recover the usual Freight thereon; according to their Estimate they make it to amount, agreable to a new regulation to above 200 Tons, but I cannot conceive that the Honble Court ever meant to give away a Quarter part of any of their ships Tonnage, from Port to Port in India, which appears pretty evident from the Paragraph of their Letter to the Presidency of Bombay on that subject which likewise is annexed.

The Honble Court having been, as they are pleased to inform me by their commands under date the 4th. of June 1762 satisfied with my conduct as their resident here, and thinking the continuance of me still necessary, ordered their ship Valentine to touch here to deliver a Packet, said ship left this the 19th. December, & on the 16th. Feby. I spoke with her very near Fort Marlbro, from whence I conclude she is near upon the Dispatch for Canton, notwithstanding my Credentials for remaining here come from the Court of Directors themselves, the General and Council absolutely refuse their Permission, judging that the necessity is more Cogent than ever, I am determined to leave no stone unturn'd to effect it intending as a demiere resort to repair to the Admiral and solicit his Interposition, thinking they dare not refuse, if he shall think proper to enforce it by his authority, for this purpose I am now repairing the Plassey which I hope will be compleated for Sea by the 25th. June.

I cannot conclude wthout informing your Worship & Council that the Company's Settlements on the West Coast are very likely to continue in a very languid, and contracted state without they can be supplied with a number of Chinese, which cannot be obtained from this Part of India, nor much to be expected from China; you would therefore be rendering the Company a real good service could you send a supply from your settlement and I should think the sooner you could put such a scheme into Execution, the better, lest a Peace takes Place, and Manilha should be ceded again to the Spaniards—I know Mr. Carters Resolution was to send you a vessell about this time strenuously to solicit your good offices herein, but I am much afraid that the Scarcity of Vessells will prevent him, as he intended to Despatch the same ship Plassey which is now here, I can only assure your Worship & Council that with the assistance of Chinese, Fort Marlbro is capable to be made a Batavia in a short time, which would not only save us from expending immense sums annually amonst [*sic*] those who at the same time treat us with arrogance, but be a good Emolument to the Company and their servants on these accounts any Expence you must necessarily put them to for such a supply is in my opinion not to be regarded, when the consequences attending it carry the greatest Probability of a good repayment.

Recommending this to your consideration as an important object, and wishing you all manner of success in your affairs.

I remain with due respect &ca.

BATAVIA
10TH. MAY 1763.

JOHN HERBERT.

—— *MANILHA, JUNE 1763* ——

Copy of a Letter from Cpt^{n}. Fenner to the Resident at Batavia.

SIR,

Letter from Captain Fenner advising of the Loss of the Walpole. & of an Engagement between the Chatham Man of War & 3 French ships.

I have the Misfortune to inform you of the Loss of the Hoñble Company's ship Walpole, which was taken in sight of Ceylon the 20th. September 1762 by the French men of War under the command of Monsier Palliere in the Vengeur 66 Guns 750 Men, the conde 54 Guns, 650 Men, Capt^{n}. Debolesme, and the Fedelle of 36 Guns, 200 Men, Capt^{n}. Roche, on the 23^{d}. they fell in with a large English Ship, who began to Engage them in a running fight, but the French thought proper in a very short time to quit the Chace, and informed me they knew her to be the Chattam of 50 Guns, alledging their having very particular Orders not to engage Men of War if they could any ways avoid it, as it might be a means of preventing them from preserving in their intended Expedition, which I learnt was as follows they having held a Council that on their quitting the station of Ceylon, they were to cruize off Point Palmeres in the Bay of Bengal, from thence to attack some of our small Settlements in India having mortars and all others Materials on board necessary for carrying on a Seige, this was confirmed at the Island Mauritius, when I arrived in the Prize the 5th. November I likewise learnt that a French Frigate called the Diligence, in September intercepted a Letter wrote by the Gov^{r}. of Tellicherry addressed to the Commander of the Medway, who was then in sight of Tellicherry, setting forth that Admiral Cornish, and Colonel Draper with 7 sail of the line nd 2000 European Land Forces sailed from Madras in the month of Aug^{t}. on an Expedition to Manilha with orders for the Meduray to join them there as soon as possible.

There is six sail of French Men of War which I have great reason to imagine are intended to Cruize off or attack S^{t}. Helena their names as follows, The Fortuni 64 Guns, 650 Men on board which was Mons^{r}. S^{t}. George, but now Commanded by Mon^{r}. Teville, the Count D'Argenson 64 Guns, 600 men, the Vatiani 64 Guns, 600 men, the Count De Artois 64 Guns 600 men, the Marsiac 28 Guns 200 men and the Due D'Choisit 28 Guns 200 men, without the death of M^{r}. S^{t}. George should make any alteration as he was Generalisimo of both Land & Sea forces in India, belonging to the King of France, and who departed this life the 24th. January 1763 in the Passage from the Island of Mauritius.

Sir I request you will as soon as possible forward this Intelligence to all our Governors in India making it known to all Commanders in the Hoñble Company's ships, which you may have an opportunity of seeing, as the omission may be attended with great lott. and ill conveniences to our Hoñble Masters.

Your Compliance will very much oblige.

SIR

Your most obed. hb̃le. Serv^{t}.

P. FENNER.

CAPE BONE ESPERANCE,
11TH. FEBRUARY 1763.

The following letter from M^{r}. Crawford read.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQ^{R}. GOV^{R}.
&^{CA}. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

Letter from Mr. Crauford.

I was acquainted by the Secretary yesterday that I have been honored with the appointment of Sub Treasurer under the Governor, as I am entirely ignorant of the present state of the Treasury, either with regard to the money or Plate, it renders me incapable of taking upon me that charge, and was to that objection

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removed I should then be the most improper Person in the Settlement, as I monthly receive large supply of Cash for the Paymaster which is almost the only Treasure issued out here.

At the Presidency the Companys Servants are only appointed to the Publick Treasury of Imports and Exports, the Governor alone, being Cash keeper.

I am sorry I should be obliged to show the least inclination to decline any Employments appointed to me by the Govr. & Council as it would contribute greatly towards satisfying my ambition of having daily more opportunity of rendering some service to my Honble Masters, and satisfaction to my superiours which shall always be my Chief desire, while

I have the Honor to be
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedt. & most hble Servt.
QUINTIN CRAWFURD.

MANILHA
18TH. JUNE 1763.

Resolutions in Consequence.

The Company having little Treasure at present a Sub Treasurer is not absolutely necessary and the same conveyance that brings Cash will most probably likewise bring Company's Servants Agreed therefore that the appointment of a Sub Treasurer be for the present deferred.

Sabut Jung not to pay customs.

Messrs Sprat Jourdan and Craufurd lay before the Board their Bill for Provisions delivered to the Garrison Storekeeper amounting to 6,432–3–0.

Ordered that it do lay on the table as the Board cannot at present order the Payment of it.

Purport of a letter to Mr. Barnewall.

Mr. Parsons requests Information of the Board whether Captn. Scott is to pay Customs for his Ship. The Cargo being Provisions &c. entirely for the use of the Garrison is consequently free as ℔ Consultation March 1763.

Letter to Mr. Barnewall.

The Company's Treasury being in a very low State and the Salabut Jung having brought back a large sum of money from Batavia agreed that a Letter be wrote to Mr. Barnewell the Super Cargo requesting the Loan of it.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Sent the following Letter to Mr. Barnewell agreeable to the Minutes of last Consultation.

To FRANCIS BARNEWALL ESQR.

SIR

The Governor having informed us that a considerable sum of money has been returned to you from Batavia and the state of the Company's Treasury being greatly reduced by the heavy Charges of the Settlement we request the favor of your sparing us the whole or as much of it as you possibly can which before the Sabut Jung sails for China shall be paid in Dolls. or the difference made up to you.

We are
SIR
Your most Obedt. hble. servants
DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL

MANILHA
JUNE 22D. 1763.

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FRIDAY 25TH. JUNE 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Read the following letters from Major Fell the Commandant of Manilha and Mr. Nodes Paymaster at Cavita.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN

Letter from Major Fell relating to Batta for small Parties marched out.

In pursuance of the resolution you came to at the last Military Council I beg leave to lay the enclosed returns before you & to desire that you would be pleased to order the Paymaster to pay the Batta or Gratuity for those Days, and at the same time to remind you of the reward you promised for taking or killing a deserter six of which by the account of the Spaniards themselves were absolutely killed the last day the Party was out.

I am with great respect

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedt. hble. Servt.
ROBT. EDWD. FELL.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

The Leak of the Sloop is sufficiently stopt, so as to Cruize of the Corregidore whenever you think proper, & will be ready for sailing next Friday, Mr. Faulnier is likewise in readiness and waits your orders.

The Phillipena's Indent shall be complied with, but I believe we shall not be able to furnish her with a sufficient number of Guns at Cavita of a proper size.

The Secretary Boxes will be finished this week, & the Workmen, thereon employed discharged.

The Barracks & Storehouses shall be repaird agreeable to your Directions, but that wherein the Provision is kept, is so rotten, that part of the roof has fell in, and the next stormy weather that happens I expect to find no roof at all, I am therefore moving the Provisions, but whether you would chuse to have that repaired, I cannot tell, you may be assured, I shall use my best endeavours to conduct every thing with the utmost economy, but to have the Workmen properly over looked and kept in great Awe, I would beg leave to propose making two or more of the Lascars, Peons, in exchange for those already employed, which I find of litte or no use, and as idle as any of the rest.

I am apply'd to almost every day by Mr. Pitts for Cooleys for the use of the Artillery, and repeatedly informed The Lascars are not sufficient I have /as particular occasions might have required it/ lent the Artillery the use of 20 or more Cooleys, but since there is no end to demands of this kind, which for my Part, I cannot see altogether so necessary. I now represent it to you, being fully resolved not to answer one of Mr. Pitts indents /which are made to me, likewise,

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in so peremptory a manner/ unless I have your particular orders for so doing and even supposing the Service of the Artillery required more Labourers I think half the number of Artificers employed on that service, might as well be exchanged for an equal number of Coolies.

The Master Builder having informed me some time ago that he had no further occasion for Couilkers I immediately discharged that Body of Workmen but find that Captn. Brereton /the Governor/ has since replaced the head maistree and ordered further, that all those at 10 ryals pr. day should be always kept in constant Pay, whether employed or not, as their Interest is of too much consequence to be thrown aside.

I am acquainted by Captn. Brereton that it was your orders that Ellis the Carpenter should have a Monthly allowance of 30 Dollrs. as I have your orders to pay him only 30 Rupees, I should be glad to be informed from whence proceeds the mistake.

I am with due respect &ca.

CAVITA JUNE 22D. 1763. JOHN NODES.

Agreed that when Party's march as far as the Loma, or are out at night that Batta be granted to them, in the present case Mr. Thompsons Bills to be paid as a Gratuity in consideration of their great Fatigue.

Ordered that Mr. Nodes be desired to apply to Captn. Brereton for 4 or 5 Seapoys as security for the Pasig Sloop and that he do proceed to Cruize off the Corregidore. Purport of a letter to Mr. Nodes.

If the Artificers for the Artillery are more than necessary, ordered that part of them be dismissed with the Caulkers of the naval yard, who have no longer Employment, but that he be recommended before he discharges them, to Consult with Captn. Brereton and that the Head Mestre of every Branch be continued.

Mr. Ellis employed in the yard at Cavita formerly appeared satisfyed with 15 Dollars. Pr. month, The Board therefore cannot see any reason for increasing his allowance.

The Contractors having been acquainted that the Governor and Council cannot discharge the large Ballance due to them on account of Provisions laid in store for the Garrison request his Interest Bond until it may be convenient to pay off the whole or part which appearing quite reasonable—agreed that their request be complyed with. Bond to be granted to Messrs. Sprat Jourdan & Craufurd for the Ballance due to them.

Mr. Smith the Marine Paymaster lays before the Board Bills for sundry Captors stores furnished to the Company at Cavita during the Month which are accordingly passed. Bills for Captors stores furnished the Company passed.

Read the following letter from Wm. Brereton Esqr. Castiliano at Cavita.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
& THE CIVIL AND MILITARY COUNCILS AT MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

I received your Letter dated 17th. Inst. and am sorry to find you are so sanguine in the Company's Interest where the affair is so Paltry a consideration compared to the safety of the Garrison which inevitably depends upon the sobriety of the Troops that We have to Defend it.

I told you in my Letter of the 12th. Inst. that one of the 79th. regiment, had lately deserted, being Drunk, I am now also, to acquaint you, that, another

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Man being Drunk on the Party Commanded by Captn. Bishop, deserted and was taken up by the Seapoys of the said Party and goes up to Manilha by this Conveyance to be tryed for his life.

You seem to insinuate in your Letter of the 14th. that means has not been used, to suppress the vice of Drunkenness I must tell you Gentlemen, that severe Punishments have not been wanting, but, as arrack is so cheap, and so easy come at, Examples has had no Effect, and when a man has got Drunk and neglected his Duty, he has (and will perhaps) desert, to escape the punishment He knew would be inflicted on him and these thoughtless unhappy People certainly would not so often fall into the snare, if you did not lay it open to Catch them.

But I Gentlemen who see the consequence stare me in the face, am to dread the Effects How easy a Task is it, for the Enemy to make the Major Part of this Garrison Drunk /and of consequence useless/ when the Liquor may be purchased for at most 30 Dollrs. and recent Examples have not been wanting /in Mr. Cornishes time/ of the Spaniards giving the People Arrack to intoxicate them the day before they intended to surprize the Garrison.

You tell me the Farmers are not to sell to the Soldiers, I have already wrote you, how easy it is for them to purchase it, by sending a Black Boy or a Malay to the Licenced Houses, and there were thirteen of them in this Town, who were Employed by the Man you authorized.

I am therefore under the necessity of acquainting you, that I cannot suffer this Liquor to be sold here, unless you Gentlemen give them Licences, under your Hands and the Broad Seal of the India Company, that if any Ignoble disgrace should happen to the Garrison, it may stand a monument of its destruction.

Mr. Faulnier acquaint me his Sloop will be ready for service by Friday next, and that his Crews attendance, as well as his own, is necessary for refitting her, besides, if they were not, they are by no means to be trusted with the defence of the Galley in her present situation, as they are all Indians whose Fidility is much to be doubted, and should they abandon her, or give her up to the Enemy. Her Cannon Swivels &ca. would furnish the Enemy with weapons to destroy our Peace, at present the Company is not put to much Expence for Her Crew it consisting of Midshipman and 2 Seamen from my Ship. Ten Seapoys and Twenty Chinese the latter find themselves provisions.

I shall attend to the stockade at St. Roque with the utmost frugality and expedition and am &ca.

WILLIAM BRERETON.

CAVITA
JUNE 20TH. 1763.

P. S.

The Agents for the Captors have no Considerable sum of money by them, but as the Company are their principal Debtors, they will not insist on being paid here in Cash, but are willing to take Bills on Madras.

The Interest of the Company is so closely connected with that of the nation, that whatever is compatible with the one must of course be so with the other, if therefore the vice Drunkenness cannot be prevented in the Garrison while Arrack is retailed in the Parian or Cavita. Agreed that it be prohibited within the Walls of that Place. and that a Letter be directed to acquaint Captn. Brereton therewith at the same time recommending to him a very different Stile from that which he has made use of in the above Letter.

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To William Brereton Esq^r^.
Castiliano of Cavita.

Sir

Your Letter of the 20^th^. is now before us.

The Interest of the Company & the Publick is here so connected that whatever is incompatible with the one must be likewise so with the other if therefore there is no preventing Drunkenness in the garrison while Arrack is sold in the Parian at Cavita, we consent to the Prohibition of it within the Walls of that Place but the manner in which you have expressed yourself concerning this grievance cannot be passed by us unnoticed and oblige us to recommend to you when you have next occasion to write, a stile very different from that you adopted the 22^d^. Instant to which for the Impropriety of it, we refer you. erroneously entered it. should followed hereafter-in Folio 279.

We are surprized at having been informed that M^r^. Nodes has been threatened with being put under arrest in refusing to comply with the Publick orders that may be given To prevent the disagreeable consequences that might result from a step we think it necessary to advise you and we desire you will acquaint the Officers that by the nature of the Company's Establishments their Civil Servants are not in the least to be subjected to Military Controul. They receive their orders from the Gov^r^. and Council and from no other Persons whatever and if they neglect the Employs entrusted to their Care the Gov^r^. and Council alone are to take Cognizance thereof. The Duty of a Storekeeper is to supply the necessary Stores when properly indented for then no one is to interfere with him and he cannot observe any order inserted in the orderly Book because he is not subject to them. The Commanding Officer is to indent /not verbally/ for the Stores that may be acquisite and the Storekeeper is to supply him or if the whole Quantity indented for is not in store, he will apply to the Military Storekeeper at Manilha. The Storekeeper is to send in returns to the Gov^r^. alone, but he is to keep a Book which when necessary the Commandant may refer to.

It being customary that from all Subordinacies returns are monthly made to the Chief Settlement you will please to transmit to the Gov^r^. monthly at least a general return of the Troops in your Garrison.

We are &^ca^.

Dawsonne Drake
&^ca^. Council.

P. S.

We have been informed that you propose sinking the Siam ship and that there are some English Guns on board of her you will in such case oblige us by having them landed and roved by the Artillery Officer.

M^r^. Smith the Accountant lays before the Board the Paymasters Accounts for last year observing to them that in the great hurry of Business in the beginning when no regular methods had been laid down for the observation of the Paymaster Batta, Contingent Expences during the seize &^ca^. had been erroneously brought to account and recommends the following orders which are accordingly assented to. Regulations concerning the General Books & Accounts of the Settlement.

That a Head be opened of Expedition against Manilha, for the Charge of Batta and every Expence incurred before the 10^th^. of October the Pay of Staff Officers and all Contingencies.

That in future Batta be brought to Accountant as a Petty Head under Charges Extraordinary.

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That the Charges of repairs Fortifications be hereafter brought to account under the Head of Committee of Works and that the different Works carried on or repaired be distinguished as Petty Heads thereunder.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

25TH Sent a Letter to Mr. John Nodes Paymaster at Cavita.

To MR. JOHN NODES,
PAYMASTER AT CAVITA.

SIR

We have received your letter of the 22d.

As soon as the sloop is ready Mr. Faulmer is to proceed in her to cruize of the Corregidore and it being necessary for the security of the vessel you will apply to Captain Brereton for 4 or 5 seapoys.

One Head mistry of every Branch is to be continued, but the other workmen for whom there is no Employment must be dismissed.

If Mr. Pitts has not work for the Artificers entertained part of them might be exchanged for an equal number of Coolies for the use of the Artillery but before you Discharge them or the Caulkers we recommend to you to consult with the Castiliano.

Such part of the Phillipinas Guns &CA. as you cannot supply will be furnished by the Military Storekeeper of Manilha.

Mr. Ellis was ordered an allowance of 15 Dollrs. ℘ month in April and seemed Contented no more therefore can at present be granted to him.

We are
SIR
Your affect. Friends
DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
25TH. FEBRY. 1763.

TUESDAY JUNE 27TH. AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. President.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Read the following letters from Mr. John Nodes and Mr. Barnewall.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Letter from Mr. Barnewall consenting to the Loan of the money requested.

Yesterday Evening I received the Honor of your Letter of the same date, desiring the Loan of the Money lately come back from Batavia on the Sabut Jung 16000 Dollrs. is the whole Sum, we have the ship to sheath and other immediate charges therefore cannot offer you but 12000 Dollrs. that you may command at any time, If you will let me know the Gentleman's name at Cavita that is to receive the money I will send an order for the Delivery.

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As the Ship will sail as soon sheath'd and cleaned I must beg the favor of you Gentlemen to cause the said sum to be paid me at that time, and in round Dollrs. as you receive them, otherwise it will be a great detriment to my owners in the Purchase of a Cargo at Canton, being well known the merchants give an advanc'd Price for round Spanish Dollrs. and prefer them to all other silver.

I am with great respect &ca.

FRANCIS BARNEWALL.

MANILHA
23D. JUNE 1763.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

Letter from Mr. Nodes complaining of his being threatened with an arrest.

As Storekeeper of this Garrison, I have always imagined that Indents of any kind whatever, should be made to me. whose Business it is to procure them (if not in my Possession) either from the Storekeeper of Manilha or elsewhere whereas on the contrary, I understand that the same Indents has been made to Mr. Parsons as have been made to me here, the consequence of which is, that those will be doubly Complied with.

Because I have refused Complying with indents made to me by word of Mouth only, and not paid regard to every capricious order that Captn. Bishop has thought proper to mention in his Orderly Book, I have been treated in a very Scandalous manner and am to be put in Arrest the first time I make the least Scruple of obeying.

The Check I have been to the operations of that Gentleman, as well as others (who before a Company's Servant was sent here, played their own Games I mean), at the time when their affairs were entrusted to the management of those who I believe to this Day are very sensible of the Benefit they reaped from that happy opportunity has created against me the most inveterate antipathy : I could say much on the occasion, but at so troublesome and unseasonable a time, Let the above suffice.

I complain then to you, Gentlemen of a very abusive treatment received from Captn. Bishop, It is from you I look for Redress, and hope & expect to find it—If you chuse rather that I should exert myself on the occasion, depend upon it I will, For no Castiliano or Commandant living shall ever make me their Foot Ball.

I have always paid a regard to your Orders but if I obey yours, perhaps I neglect the Castilianas, and if I obey him neglect the Commandants and am confined to my room in this Dilemma, Gentlemen, I call upon you for assistance.

If I have acted in opposition to the latter it has been where the Company's Interest required it, which I have always made it my Business to study, as a duty incumbent upon me, should I have failed in that Point, I am sorry for it, But I will not be reprimanded or used ill by People that I have no Business with and whose orders for the future I will obey or pay the least regard to, but in particular matters where I have your Directions so to do.

I am with due respect
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedt. & most hble. Servt.

JOHN NODES.

CAVITA
JUNE 26TH. 1763.

—— *MANILHA, JUNE 1763* ——

P. S.

I should be glad to know at what time & to whom I am to deliver the Account of Stores of this Garrison and by whom it is to be signed as that Point is not yet settled.

The 12,000 Dollrs. to be received by Mr. Nodes to be repaid in Dollrs. or the difference in Rupees made up.

Ordered that Mr. Nodes do receive from Captn. Scott at Cavita the 12,000 Dollrs. belonging to the owners of the Sabut Jung which the Board agree if they make use of it to repay in Dollrs. or if they are obliged to make the Payment in Rupees to Account for the Difference.

Remarks of the Board on Mr. Nodes Letter.

The Board are extremely surprized that any Threats should have been made use of to Mr. Nodes by the Commandant at Cavita, on his refusing to comply with orders to which he was not subject—To prevent however the disagreable Consequences that may attend such a Step, Agreed that a Letter be addressed to Captn. Brereton, to acquaint him, and to desire he will inform the officers, that by the nature of the Company's Establishments, their Civil Servants are independant of Military Control, and alone subject to the Orders of the Governor and Council from whom they receive their instructions, It is indeed the duty of a Storekeeper to supply the necessary Stores when properly indented for, but no one is to interfere with him therein, and he cannot observe any orders inserted in the orderly book, because (as before remarked) he is not subject to them. The Commanding Officer is regularly to indent, and if the Storekeeper has not sufficient by him to comply therewith, he will apply to the Military Storekeeper at Manilha The Storekeeper is to send in returns Monthly, but always to have by him an Account of receipts, Issues, and remains of stores, to which the Commandant may at any time refer. Resolved also, that a Letter to the same Effect be addressed to Mr. John Nodes, Storekeeper at Cavita, for his Information, concerning the same.

As the Country Arrack has been found not to agree with the Soldiers, and a large quantity of Batavia Arrack has been lately imported, by the Sabut Jung, agreed, that 60 Leaguers be delivered to Mr. Parsons, for the use of the Garrison of Manilha, and 15 for Cavita, to Mr. John Nodes Storekeeper at that Place.

Orders relative to the accounts.

For two thousand, five hundred, & Fifty two Dollars 4 Ryals advanced to the Paymaster, he having been immensly debited 3552—4 Ordered that the difference 1000 Dollars be wrote of to error.

Ordered that in future, all Armourers, Conductors &c. &c. be paid by the Paymaster, and carried to account Charges Garrison.

Mr. Parsons Military Storekeeper presents a Bill for sundry stores, brought from Batanga's amounting to [*lacuna*] Ordered that it be paid.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

29th. Sent the following Letter to Mr. John Nodes Paymaster at Cavita.

—— *MANILHA, JUNE 1763* ——

To Mr. John Nodes

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 26th. Instant, and in consequence addressed Capt. Brereton on the subject of your complaints. The enclosed extract, relating thereto, will shew you how independant of Military Controul we look upon every Company's Servant, acting as a Paymaster.

Verbal Indents are not to be regarded, and when you have not Stores sufficient to answer their demands, you are (as we before acquainted you) to indent to the Military Storekeeper at Manilha, who will supply you.

A Book of Accounts, of Receipts, Issues, & remains of Stores, is always to be kept by you, to which the Commandant, or Castiliano may, when necessary, refer. You are to send in Monthly Returns of stores to the Governor, signed by yourself.

Captn. Scott has Directions to deliver to you 15 Leageurs of Arrack, which you will receive into Store, you are likewise to receive from him 12,000 Spanish Dollrs. which you must by a safe, and convenient opportunity, remit hither. Not a single Dollar of this Money, is at present to be expended if therefore you have occasion for Cash, indent for it in time.

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Dawsonne Drake
&c. Council.

Manilha
June 29th. 1763.

— *MANILHA, JUNE 1763* —

Dr. The Hon'ble Company's Cash. Cr.

		Dollars	R	B			Dollars	R	B
1763 June	To Ballance brought from last Month's Account.	86,571	2	2	1763 June 1st.	By Account Current London advanced Don Manuel Antonio de Roxo, late Govr. of Manilha, for the subsistence of the Royal Spanish Officers, Civil and Military, for Bills on the Royal Treasury of Madrid.	3,850	—	—
						By Export Warehouse keeper, advanced John Lewin Smith, for the Charges of his Employ.	2,960	—	—
					2	By the Paymaster, advanced Henry Brooke for the Charges of his Employ.	12,000	—	—
					20	By the Paymaster, advanced Henry Brooke, for the Charges of his Employ.	4,000	—	—
						By Ballance carried to next months account.	63,761	2	2
	Dollars ..	86,571	2	2		Dollars ..	86,571	2	2

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Errors Excepted.

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AT A CONSULTATION ye JULY 4TH.

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY PARSONS.
HENRY BROOKE WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Read the following Letter from Mr. John Nodes.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.
&C. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

It is now eleven days, since I made an Indent to the Paymaster of Manilha, for the sum of Four thousand Dollars, for which I have since added repeated messages, but never received it. Letter from Mr. Nodes Paymaster at Cavita.

I cannot help being much surprised at a delay of this kind, when I remember well to have received a reprimand, some time ago, for being absent from Cavita the first of the Month, and the consequences of which being then pointed out to me in such a manner, has made me very cautious how I give occasion for such checks in future.

The Payments, I have deferred for want of Cash, has given cause to several complaints which (in Consideration of the consequences arising from the Mistrust, and Impatience of the workmen) I found myself under the necessity, at all Events, to put a stop to, and am particularly obliged to Captn. Scott for the assistance of four Thousand Dollars, before your Orders came to receive any. The above Payments, and those of the Garrison, which I made this day, have expended the greatest part of it, as for the rest, I shall convey it to you agreeable to your Directions by the first safe opportunity—and am with due Respect.

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt. most Humble Servant

JOHN NODES.

CAVITA
JULY 1ST. 1763.

As there was absolute necessity, the board cannot disapprove of Mr. Nodes's applying to Captn. Scott for Money the reason of his not having been supply'd from hence by the Paymaster was owing to the Govr. not having sufficient to answer his Indent, the treasury being exhausted.

The Governor lays before the Board a Letter he received a few days ago from the Archbishop as follows.

Most Excellent Sir,

I have answered Captn. Faizans Letter of the 4th. of this month in which he gives an account of what happened at Quiapo, in such a manner, as is due to an Officer of his Conduct, and Honor. By the account of the 5th. I have seen in a more ample manner, that the Captn. relates in his Letter, and I own that his conduct is agreeable to the laws of equity, and honor, which is peculiar to him. Letter from the archbishop relating to Captn. Faizans Conduct at Quiapo.

It is nevertheless certain that the Innocent and unarmed suffered death, and 'tis likewise indubitable that the Chinese robbed, and plundered the Altars, and other holy moveables, I can't desire that the Punishment due to them should

extend so far, as to take away their lives, 'tis certain they deceived, and gave a false information to the Officer, by telling him there was people in Arms in the Church, and likewise by forceing into said Church, profaneing it, and murthering the Innocent who had no Arms, contrary to the order Captn. Faizan gave, by whose prudence they were presented from continuing their infamous intentions I don't require said Chastisement should be inflicted on the Chinese, this I leave to divine Providence, what I require is, that the damage done to the Alters, Images, ornaments & Sacred Vessels which were carried away, should be repaired it is but just they should pay for these losses, & the Damages done to the Church repaired, which will amount to at least 3000 Dollrs. which your Excellency by all the laws of Prudence, Justice & Equity is bound to oblige them to pay.

I can't do less (upon account of what every day happens) than beg that the strictest orders may be given, to prevent the Seapoys from abuseing & murthering the Indians who do not offend them & come in with such Provisions as they can find, said Seapoys as I have been informed by a number of People, were occasion of the Fire yesterday, for which reason the Indians can't come to their Houses, I likewise most earnestly entreat, that the clergymen may be used with humanity, and decency, the complaints upon this head are grievous, & neither your Excellency's politeness, nor that of your Council nor the Honor of the Officers of so polished a nation, will consent to the excesses so common in such a Troop as that of the seapoys, which nothing is able to keep within bounds except the fear of being punished, I shall in the highest degree be thankful for this favor which will do honor to the English Nation.

MANUEL ANTONIO
Archbp. of Manilha.

He does him the Justice to acknowledge his conduct to have been *equitable* & honorable.

The Board are greatly pleased to observe that the Archbishop is satisfied with Captn. Faizan's conduct in the late affair at Quiapo with respect to the Archbishop's Complaints concerning the plundering of Quiapo Church, he himself acknowledges, that Captain Faizan did his utmost to prevent the Enormities that he pretends were then comitted; In times of war this accidents are not always preventable, besides he does not point out the particular Persons, without which how can they be punished? for his charging the Seapoys with burning the suburbs, he must have been misinformed, because numbers of the malecontents had hovered about the Place where the Fire began, no Seapoys were out, but the Patrole which consists only of 6 or 7 and it commenced in several Places at the same time, to which may be added, that it is an advantage to the English to have the Natives continue in the suburbs, while they remain peaceable, & that the Chinese who were the greatest sufferers & always ready to complain, never accused any but the Indians.

Impress of the Speedwell Brig. passed.

Mr. Smith lays before the Board the Impress for the Speedwell Brig. amounting to Dollrs. 194–4 which is accordingly ordered to be paid.

Indent from Captn. Roberts from the Speedwell comply'd with.

Mr. Smith likewise lays before the Board a letter from Mr. Roberts, representing the necessity of having her painted, & enclosing an Indent for sundry stores. Ordered that the Indent be comply'd with, but that painting her be deferred until the materials and workmen are cheaper.

Bill for stables for the Chinese cavalry passed.

Mr. Kennedy presents a Bill for the Erection of stables for the Chinese Cavalry, amounting to 200 Dollrs. He having had the sanction of the Board for the same. Resolved that it be paid.

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The Subadar of the Lascar Seapoys heretofore the Serang, representing to the Board, the hardship he should labor under, if not granted the same allowances as the Subadar of the other Seapoys—agreed that he be put on the same footing.

Subadars of Lascars Seapoys to be paid as the other subadars.

Many of the Lamps distributed at the Company's expense, for the Defence of the Town having lately stolen. Agreed that a Proclamation be issued offering a reward of 10 Dollrs. for the Discovery of any Person who may be convicted hereof—as also of such Persons as may be proved feloniously to have purchased the said Lamps, knowing them to be stolen.

10 Dollrs. offered for the Discovery of any Persons concerned in stealing the Lamps of the Town.

Mr. Brooke represents to the Board that the King of Xolo had wrote to him, that he had lost Pearls to a large amount in the Boat lately sunk off the mouth of River at the present time it is for the Interest of the Company to be on good terms with the King, and it would be a hardship that he should lose by the accident; agreed therefore that an allowance be made him in consideration of the above loss, but that it be deferred until the Finances are in a better state.

An account of losses sustained by the king of Xolo, owing to the sinking the Xolo Boat, laid before the Board when the Finances are in a better state an allowance to be made in consideration thereof

The Ambassador lately arrived from Bantilan, desires leave to return to Xolo, & represents likewise the Losses he sustained by the sinking of the above-mentioned Boat, Pearls &ca. Resolved that a Letter be prepared to Bantilan, & to provide the vessel in which he is to return, with Provisions &ca. he be granted 500 Dollrs.

Ambassador of Bantilan Sultan of Xolo represents his Losses by the sinking the above Boat to be dispatch'd 500 Dollrs. granted to him.

The Governor reads the Cash Account for last month as entered before.

Cash account read.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON

July 8TH.

Read the following Report from the Committee of Accounts.

To DAWSONNE ESQR.
GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL AT MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

We did ourselves the honor of laying before you our observations, as a Committee of Accounts, in our letter, under date the 27th. May, since which time, we have found it needful to make the few following Remarks.

Report from the Committee of Accounts containing remarks on the Cavita Accounts.

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In the accounts sent in by the Paymaster of Cavita for the months of April, & May, we find an allowance of seven Dollars & four Reals paid monthly (and commencing as January last) to each Officer for a Touché and Waterwoman. As this is not allowed to the officers of this Garrison, and as such a monthly Payment to the eight that are now at Cavita, amounts to a sum very far from inconsiderable we apprehend that if it is made without your express permission an immediate saving of this Expense will be ordered.

In the same accounts we observe, that five People under the denomination of Coolies, are paid for serving Mr. Brereton, as we learn from the Vouchers, in the Station of Gardners. & other menial Employments; we, supposing this is done without your knowledge, have thought fit to offer it now to your consideration.

We cannot help observing, that the Charges for Oil & Candles in the abovementioned months are very considerable, and we cannot help thinking that, with the strictest care, and Economy, a saving may be made in both Articles.

As we have been informed that the Storekeeper here did, by your order, send sometime ago a considerable quantity of Arrack to Cavita, for the use of the Garrison there we are at a loss to find out a reason, for the sum of Dollrs. 105–5–8 being charged in April for extra drams for the Soldiers and in the month following Dollrs. 113–3–8 for the same purpose as this may, in your opinion, merit a farther explanation, We esteem it our Duty to take notice of it here.

We have deferred for a very considerable time, and it is now with considerable regret, Gentlemen, that we find ourselves under the absolute necessity of observing to you, that the Accounts of Cavita have been hitherto kept in a very irregular & incorrect manner. A Storekeeper has been appointed there, but no Books have ever yet been opened for the Transactions of that Department, stores purchased for the Garrison, as well as for the several vessels belonging to the Company & many other uses, have all been brought in as Occasional Disbursements, into the Paymaster's Accounts, where nothing can enter with propriety, in our opinion that can ever be expected to make any return to the Honble Company. We also observe large sums in every month paid to Workmen, which we have found, upon Examination of the vouchers, ought, instead of making one overgrown Article in the Accounts of the Paymaster, to be carried regularly to the Debit of different vessels, for repairs & other work done to them; within the said month, & likewise to the Debit, of several other branches of the Service.

All these Considerations oblige us Gentlemen, to lay before you, with this letter, the Cavita Accounts for April and May last, that you may be pleased to direct such a Reformation in the past, & lay down such a Plan for their future Regulation, as that appear to you most eligible.

In the meantime Gentlemen, to draw your attention as little as possible from the other parts of Publick Business. We now take the liberty to hint at a method which, if it shall be adopted by you, may in some measure point out the most probable way of reducing the past Accounts into another Form (which we believe you will think absolutely necessary upon inspection) and also if you are pleased to approve of it, may serve as the future Plan of the Accounts of that Garrison.

As the Garrison of Cavita has been hitherto debited for the whole sums advanced by the Paymaster of Manilha, regularity demands that it shd. be discharged of those sums that have not been expended for that particular service.

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When the Confusion of the Times is considered, Gentlemen, & the impossi- 2DLY.
bility of your directing every Branch into its proper channel, during the extreme hurry of a first Settlement, the difficulty of adjusting the past accounts of Cavita, by the general use we have just now laid down, will appear very plainly to you, upon mature consideration, we will also venture to say, that there will be no less difficulty in attempting to make a regular monthly entry of them in Manilha for the future. For while the Honble Company should be in Possession of this Place their Transactions at Cavita will necessarily be so extensive that to keep the Books of that Place, with proper order and precision, can never require less care than even those of Manilha. Propriety demands that many different Heads should be opened upon the Books there, a few of which we shall now hint at. The Money laid out upon the repairs of Fortifications &ca. Buildings should appear distinctly. The Stores bought there for the Marine, Military & Garrison services, ought to be open as clearly. The greatest part of the Stores purchased there will probably be discharged in Account by the several Vessels belonging to the Honble Company, for each of which there will consequently be a necessity of opening a distinct head. The Furniture of the Castilianos House there has been purchased for the Company as appears by the Paymaster's Accounts in May which with things of a like nature, that have been bought, ought to stand under the Head of Those necessaries. There will appear, in course, a Head for Cavalry which with the Heads of General Stores, Charges General, Charges Extraordinary, & many other that must of necessity arise in future months, altogether make it a Point worthy of your Consideration Gentlemen, whether the Transactions of Cavita are not even now so extensive that, to digest them with all necessary precision, it will be needful to open from the first of May last, a distinct set of Books for that Place, & to direct them to be entered in the General Books here at such times & in such manner, as is observed with respect to the Subordinate Settlements upon the Coast we imagine that few objections can be against these methods as every article that it is sent there from this Place will of course be regularly carried every month to their Debit, and their account current will as regularly be discharged at the time of a general Ballance; on the other side of the Question, we are of opinion, that the Accounts there, are now so complex, & in future will also be so extensive, that it will hardly be ever possible that a distinct entry of them can be made monthly in Manilha For if at any time any objection shall be against the method of any future Monthly Account transmitted here, it must again be returned to Cavita the directions for new modelling it will necessarily occasion delay, & untill all difficulties are removed the General Books here can go no farther That this may very often be the case Gentlemen will appear very plainly to you, we believe, from looking back upon the past.

We have now laid before you Gentlemen, what appears to us to be the most eligible Method of digesting the several accounts of Cavita; If that of a monthly Entry should to you appear more proper we beg leave to offer the few following Hints, thó we cannot help thinking it will be at most impossible to avoid much confusion in that way.

1st. The Paymaster of Cavita to make a particular Indent for Cash for that Department, & to bring it regualrly to account, in conformity with the Paymaster's Books of Manilha, who will in course Dr. him for the sums advanced for that Employ.

2ndly. To make it a general Rule introduce nothing into that Account, but the unavoidable Expences of the Garrison & what may with propriety, be balanced by the Account of Charges General alone.

3rdly. The Storekeeper of Cavita to make a particular Indent for the task for that Employment, & in his account of Disbursements, to debit to himself every month the necessary Heads for the Stores, that may be purchased & regularly discharge them, in every month when the same stores shall be issued.

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4thly. That all Vouchers shd. be sign'd, examin'd by him, & regularly number'd, under their different Heads in Account, & also in the Indorsement, that recourse may be readily had thereto.

5thly. That the Accounts for both these Departments should be transmitted to Manilha regularly before the 10th. of every month, succeeding that of the Payments, otherwise they must unavoidably retard the business of this Settlement.

We close these Observations upon the Accounts of Cavita, Gentlemen with further remarking, that though we have scrutinized them with uncommon care, yet, in such abundance of Irregularity, we cannot be without suspicion, that some Errors may have escaped us. We hope therefore, if any, not taken notice of here; should he hereafter discovered, they will not be imputed to Negligence, as our other Employments made it impracticable for us, to afford them a greater share of our time.

We have examined the several Accounts of this Settlement, and its dependancies, up to the beginning of June last, but finding nothing worthy of your notice, but what we have already observed, we now beg leave to conclude ourselves.

With great Respect

Gentlemen

Your most obedient and Faithful
humble Servants

HENRY PARSONS.
RICHD. FYFE.
QUINTIN CRAWFURD.

MANILHA
4TH. JULY 1763.

Observations of the Board thereon. List of Books to be opened for Cavita from 1st May.

By the reasons urged therein, the Board are thoroughly convinced, of the Necessity of opening a sett of Books, for the Settlement of Cavita. Resolved therefore, that from the 1st. of May last, Books be accordingly opened for that place.

The Tank at Cavita having been sufficiently filled for the Garrison, the Board are much surprised, at the continuance of a charge for Water & Coolies, which should have been long ago abolished.

It has always been customary, to allow a few necessary servants to the Chiefs of Settlements, ordered in consequence, that Mr. Nodes be directed, to inquire how many are absolutely requisite, and that in the meantime, he continue such as at present, are in that service at as cheap wages as possible.

The charge for oil, and Candles is very great. Ordered that Mr. Nodes be directed to enquire what quantity is necessary for the Garrison, and report accordingly to the board.

Custom to be collected at Cavita.

The Storekeeper having sent down, Arrack to be served out to, the Garrison at Cavita, Agreed that he be also desired to account for the charges of 105–5–8 in April & 113–3–8 in May for Extra Drams. . .

The Military Storekeeper at Cavita never having yet sent General returns of Stores, ordered that he be immediately directed to transmit them hither, and never to fail of forwarding them in future monthly.

When any Goods are imported at Cavita, an Account should be taken of them, that the Customs may be collected.

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Ordered that a Letter to the above Effect to Mr. Nodes be prepared, and that he also be directed, to forward monthly Journal Parcels.

A new Court of Justice erected to act as Arbitrators.

As the Petitions to the Governor from the Chinese, increase daily, and a number of Criminals have been confined for some time, without being brought to their Tryals. For the speedier administration of Justice, Resolved, that every Wednesday 3 at least of the Council do meet, to decide by arbitration, all Causes above 100 Dollars (under which the Corregidor is to be Arbitrator), as also to enquire into the validity of the several Charges, exhibited against the Prisoners, and that they accordingly Report to the Governor the result thereof.

Mr. Fyfe appointed Clerk thereto.

Resolved also, that Mr. Richard Fyfe be appointed Clerk to the said Committee.

all Chinese to publish their Design of departing before they embark

The Paymaster of Manilha Accounts read and passed.

Ordered that all Chinese before their Departure from this place, do publickly notify such their Intentions, that their Creditors may be satisfied, before their Embarkation on board a ship.

All vessels proceeding Eastward to be examined.

Ordered also that the vessel cruizing off the Corregidore, do not suffer any vessels to pass out, that have not a regular pass properly signed by the Governor, and that one of the Officers of the Parian, do examine all their Junks before their Departure, as the Board are informed, that some of the most considerable of the Chinese, who are indebted to their Countrymen propose leaving this place by the first opportunity.

Mr. Henry Parsons Sea Customer Pays in 1200 Dollrs. for Rent of St. Fernando. Half which is said to belong to the Heirs to Norreagas Estate to be deposited until they prove their Claim.

As Mr. Parsons Sea Customer pays in for the Rent of such Rooms, or Warehouse of the Custom House, as are occur'd 1200 Dollars Received on that Account.

The Heirs to Mr. Norreagas Estate, claiming a Right to half the above Rent as before granted to him by the Spanish Government, agreed, that it be deposited untill they the said Heirs prove the validity of their claim.

Garrison storekeeper pays in 1000 Dollars Acct. Grain.

Mr. Parsons Garrison Storekeeper pays into Cash the sum of 1000 Dollars for Grain sold last month.

advanced to the Military storekeeper 1,000 Dollars.

Mr. Henry Parsons, the Military Storekeeper requesting an advance of 1000 Dollars for the Charges of his Employ.

Ordered that it be accordingly issued.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Sent a Letter to Mr. John Nodes Paymaster at Cavita.

12TH.

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To Mr. John Nodes
Paymaster at Cavita.

Sir

Your Letter of the 1st. July has been received, in answer to which, we are to acquaint you that the Paymasters Cash being near expended, and not having received any supplied from the Govr. owing to a scarcity in the Treasury, he could not comply with your Indent.

Your accounts for Cavita, having been laid before the Committee of Accounts from their representations, we have observed the Impropriety of continuing them in the same manner as heretofore, and in consequence have resolved, that a set of Books shall be opened for the Settlement, from 1st. May as the establish'd custom is at the Subordinacies on the Coast. For the particular heads that are to be opened &c. &c. We refer you to Mr. Smith the Accountant, but we must add, that you are always before 10th. of the Month to send in the Journal Parcels for the preceding Month, & that in future, you are to Indent to the Govr. for the sums, that may be necessary for the Disbursements of Cavita.

With regard to your accounts for April & those of Mr. Dodd, which preceded that time, they are extremely confused, all the vessels having been brought under a General head, you must therefore endeavor to ascertain as accurately as Possible the disbursements that have been made for the Payment of workmen purchase of materials, &ca. which you must carry to the separate & distinct Account of each vessel, and immediately transmit to us, as the Accountant cannot proceed in the General books without them.

D. R.

In your accounts for April & May we find a charge of 7–4 pr. month to the Officers of Cavita for a water woman &ca. commencing so early as January. The Tank having long ago, been sufficiently filled, to supply the Garrison for a considerable time, we are much surprised at this extraordinary charge, which should long since have been discontinued; we beg you will account for this neglect, and put an immediate stop thereto.

In the same accounts 5 Coolies are charged, as Gardeners for Captn. Brereton, you should first have obtained our sanction for such an allowance; you must enquire whether so many are necessary, and whether you cannot hire them at a cheaper rate, which you are to inform us of in the mean time, they are to be continued at as cheap wages as Possible.

Mr. Dodd had our Directions to furnish Captain Brereton, with 2 Candles pr. night, but a Pecul being a very large Quantity, we expect you will inform us, in what manner it was expended, & we cannot help observing, that the charge of oil is considerable; you should particularly enquire how many Lamps and what Quantity of oil, are necessary, and report to us accordingly.

As you have charged in the Month of April Extra Drams 105–5–8 and in the succeeding month 113–3–8 we shall be glad to be acquainted, how this Extraordinary Charge arose the Storekeeper of Manilla having some time ago sent you a large Quantity of Arrack, with Directions, that it should be served out to the Garrison.

You have never yet sent us a return of the Stores, Civil and Military received by you at Cavita, as your Instructions directed you, we therefore desire, you will as soon as possible, transmit us a general return of Receipts, Issues & Remains, and observe it as a constant rule in future, that they accompany your Journal Parcels.

Whenever any vessels import at Cavita, you are to take an account of every Article they land, that does not come under the Denomination of Provisions, and when you have acquainted us therewith, we will lay down rules for

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your observance in Receipt of the Customs. A Macassar Boat is gone to Cavita, her chargo being spices is valuable. We therefore desire you will enquire concerning the Quantity she brought, that the Duties may be collected.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
DAWSONNE DRAKE &CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
JULY 12TH. 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DY. GR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY PARSONS.
HENRY BROOKE. WM. STEVENSON.

FRIDAY 15TH.

Report of the Gov. concerning the Treasury.

The Governor acquaints the Board, that he has assembled them, to Consult with them, concerning ways, and means, to recruit the Treasury, which he informs them, by the heavy and continual Drafts made on it, is entirely exhausted, he remarks to them, that the utmost expedition is used towards coining the Plate, but the small number of proper workmen, that can be procured, prevents its being carried on so quickly, as might be hoped, or expected, and that when the whole is coined, it will hardly be sufficient for the Expences of the Garrison for 2 months, he adds, that the late Departure of Admiral Cornish from this place, makes him apprehensive of his having lost his Passage to the coast, and that when he considers the Danger of making this Island in the present season of the year on Account, of the very blowing, and Dark whether constantly met with, and its being a lee shore, where there is not any anchoring Ground, he cannot but be extremely anxious for the shipping, as the Govr. & Council of Madras, in all Probability must have despatched orders hither, early in the year, Therefore submits to their consideration, whether it will not be eligible, in case of the non arrival of a ship from the Coast before the end of the month, to despatch vessel to the Super Cargoes at Canton to request a supply of Cash.

Expediency of despatching a vessel to Canton to request a supply of Treasure considered.

The board, are sensible, that the Super Cargoes themselves are in great wash of Cash, but when on the other hand they consider their own alarming situation, within a Garrison not too well disposed, no money for the payment of them, nor any Resources left, the Revenues of the Country, which, during the English Government have always been trifling, and now producing little, or nothing, on account of the present troubles, and Provisions of every kind extravagantly dear, without a faithless Enemy, who having got Possession of the Phillipino Treasure is thereby enabled to and actually does offer such considerable sums, for the encouragement of our Deserters (no less than 100 Dollars pr. man besides paying for their Arms &ca.) as have induced several of our People to go over to him, and no advices hitherto received from the Coast, and when they further reflect, that the honor of his Majesty's Arms, the Credit of the Honble Company, the safety of the Garrison and the very maintenance of the Conquest are depending, the Board cannot any longer hesitate, and no alternative appearing, althó with much reluctance, do therefore unanimously resolve, that a vessel be despatched to Canton, with a General letter to the Super Cargoes, to represent to them he precariousness of the present Conjuncture of affairs, and very urgently to request of them, a supply of 100,000 Dollars, for the support of the Settlement.

a vessel to be accordingly sent.

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The Honble Companys Snow Phillippino chose for that Purpose.

The Phillipino Snow being a vessel proper for this purpose, Resolved that Captain Brereton, be desired, to have her fitted up, by the end of the month, when if no ship arrives from Madras, she must sail for Canton, from whence she may be expected back in October, untill which time, The board hope to be able to borrow sufficient to pay the troops &ca.

Mr. King Surgeon's Mate at Pasig presents a Bill for medicines &ca. amounting to—ordered that it be paid.

Bills presented ordered to be paid.

A Chinese presents a Bill certify'd by Captn. Flint for Chinam used in the Horse Stables, amounting to 61·2 which is ordered to be paid.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

JULY 17TH. Dispatched a Letter to William Brereton Esqr. Castiliano of Cavita agreable to the Minutes of last Consultation.

TO WILLIAM BRERETON ESQR.
CASTILIANO OF CAVITA.

Sir

The immence Expences of the Settlement having near exhausted the Company's Treasury, we have resolved, unless a ship should arrive from the Coast with Advices before the end of this Month, to dispatch the Phillippina Snow to Canton, to request a supply of Cash from the supercargoes at that Place; We must therefore desire that you will give directions for her being prepared, Accordingly and shall be glad to know whether you can spare Mr. Glassford, who now Commands Her to proceed on that voyage.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient servants

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
JULY 17TH. 1763.

22D. Arrived the Honble Company's ship Houghtonal [*sic*] Cavita.

23D. Received the following Letter from William Brereton Esqr. Castiliano at Cavita.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.

GENTLEMEN,

The Schooner's Provisions being expended that was cruizing of the Carregidore she returned to me a day or two ago, on which I gave your Sloop Pasig orders to relieve Her on that station, but Her Commander does not think Her fit for that service, Inclose you His reasons, and beg to know, if you will have Her, put in repair which cannot be done without heaving down.

The Phillipino being rigg'd I ordered her under sail in the Pay, to try how she would work, and as I suggested, Her Masts are placed too far forward, as she would not Tack, thó she seems to sail fast, we are therefore under the Necessity of moving them Aft, which will take up some days in doing. I have in the near time sent the Falmouth Schooner, out again on the station at the

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Corregidore, tho I wanted her for another service, i.e., taking a view of two Galleys I hear is building in a river, at the N.w^{t}. part of this Bay, for as soon as they are Launched I'll send and seize them.

The workmen repeatedly complain to me they have not been paid for their Labour this Fortnight past, I beg M^{r}. Nodes or some Deputy may be sent to satisfy the People. Besides there are many things wanted for the Garrison &c^{a}. particularly chinam dammer and charcoal the latter I have been obliged to lend from my ship to carry on the work at Hand.

I beg these Articles may be procured at Manilla without Loss of time (if possible) as the Schooner from the Laguna cannot be taken in hand for want of those Materials.

A Conspiracy having been form'd to cut of the Commander of the Pasig and runaway with her, I Hang'd the Boatswain who was the ringleader and turn'd his accomplices about their Business they appearing (on their Tryal) ony to have consented to the latter part of the Plott.

We are still infested with a Banditti Headed by one or two deserters, and some Gauchinangoes who I understand are entertained constantly at the Padris House at Bacor, this said Padrie is a Pampanga, and I believe was necessary to the death of the late Capt^{n}. of S^{t}. Rogue. I am well assured that this rabble is harboured at Bacor, If therefore this night proves dry and fine, I shall send Capt^{n}. Bishop with a Party of Men to endeavour to seize the Principals of this rabble, and if taken in the Padres, or other Houses, to destroy the said village unless you have any material objections which if you have you will please to let me know, but I can assure you, it has always been esteemed, (even in the Spanish time) a Nest for theives.

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Humble servant

WILLIAM BRERETON.

CAVITA
JULY 22^{D}. 1763.

TO WILLIAM BRERETON ESQ^{R}.

SIR

In consequence of your Orders last night, I send a return of the Honble Company's Sloop Pasing, and now give you my opinion that she is not fit for the service she is ordered upon, for three reasons.

First the Sloop when last out at Maringdon, kept one Pump constantly going her Bottom being (as I have before represented to you) very bad, may justly conclude she will make more when she comes to work against a head sea.

Secondly, Her incapacity to turn to Windward is such that should I see a ship coming in, and the sloop at Corregidore and the weather bad before I could go or send a man capable of Piloting the ship clear of S^{t}. Nicholas shoal the sloop would be abreast of it.

Thirdly The People here knowing how much water she makes are not willing to embark, and it will be attended with great difficulty to get my complement of Men.

The Honble Company have here a small Schooner that lately came from the Laguna; in that Schooner if you think proper to have her cleared, I think will much better answer, the Honble Company's end, in this service, than the

Sloop can possibly do. I with my Mates will most willingly, go in her, which will save the Honble Company a great deal of Money, & prevent the weakening of the Garrison by the seapoys that are to be sent on Board the Sloop.

I submit these my thoughts to your Superior Judgement, and if you think proper the Sloop should go, will chearfully endeavour to perform the service, the Govr. & Council intend.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Humble servant

CHARS. PETER SAULNIER.

CAVITA
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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
WILLIAM STEVENSON HENRY PARSONS.

General letter read. The Houghton's Packet from the Presidency of Fort St. George being received is now opened and read exactly agreeing with the List.

The Board with infinite satisfaction learn that their Proceedings have met the approbation of the Governor and Council.

Cargo of the Houghton to be immediately landed. Ordered that the Cargo destind for this Place be immediately delivered and that the Sloop Pasig do drop alongside of her to receive part thereof.

Ordered that the Extracts of the General Letter relating to the Paymaster and to Major Fell be sent to them.

Payrs. vouchers to be sent to Madras. Resolved that in future all the Paymasters vouchers be sent to Madras.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

SUNDAY JULY 24TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

The Govr. acquaints the Board that he has assembled them to consult on the Expediency of detaining part of the Houghton's Treasure and of the sum necessary to be detained.

The same very pressing Necessity which induced the Board to resolve in Consultation of the 15 Instant to dispatch a vessel to Canton, to request a supply of Treasure necessitates them at present to detain part of the Houghton's Treasure: they foresaw at that time, that to require Money of the Supercargoes would distress the Company's Affairs but as the arrival of the supply the Govr. and Council have promised to send considering the precarious season of the year be doubtful the ship once falling to Leeward cannot easily regain her Port, and the debts the Company have incured amount to a very large sum, the Board are of opinion that the least they can detain

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will be 32 chests they woud by all means avoid this disagreable step, but no Alternative occurs, and the credit of the Brittish Nation as well as the preservation of the Settlement are absolutely at stake, in comparison with which all other considerations must give way and the whole Amount or as much as possible shall be returned, when the beforementioned supply is received.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

MONDAY 25TH. JULY

The Heads of the different Orders the Chamber of Commerce and Principal Inhabitants being assembled before the Council, the Proclamation for a suspension of Arms is read, on which they express great satisfaction.

Bills for Secret service presents.

The Govr. lays before the Board an account of 1,000 Dollrs. advanced by him for Secret services, as Mr. Smith also does for dollars 206 for sundry Persons, employed at different times, on the same service which are resolved to be brought to Acct. as such.

Mr. Brooke presents a Bill for 160 Chinese Coolies, employed at the Balayan Expedition amounts. [*lacuna*] Ordered that it be paid.

Bills for Chinese coolies employed on the Bulican Expedition.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Arrived the St. Ann Captn. Mathews from Xolo.

July 29TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Read the Letters brought by Captn. Mathews from Prince Israel and the son of Bantilan at Xolo as entered in the Book of Foreign Correspondence, from the former, advising the recention he met with on his arrival, of the death of his uncle and of his Governing the dominions of Xolo in conjunction with Bantilan's three sons, also promising to send Country Boats with goods, to pay off the Company's Ballance, and requesting them to send back his Father, as also an Interpreter, the want of which he alledges as an Excuse, for not returning the amount delivered to him from the latter, advising as above of the death of Bantilan his Father, and expressing himself in general Terms of Friendship with regard to the English.

Letter from Xolo advising of the Death of Bantilan.

Read also a Letter from Mr. Durand as follows.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We happily arrived here the 7th. Instant contrary winds and the bad storrage of the ship added to the Inexperience of our seamen, and people, and the difference of Languages, occasioned our long passage, at length by the care and Attention of Captn. Mathews, and his two officers, we fortunately reached our destined Port, it was high time for water began to fail us, and we were obliged for 7 or 8 days to retrench our usual allowances, to the great surprize of the Captain who imagined we had sufficient for 2 months.

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Messrs. Dalrymple and Kelsal are not at Xolo the latter is unknown, and the former is gone to Batavia, so I shall proceed with the Embassader to Mindanao, agreable to your orders, I imagine we shall go on Board this Evening.

The People of this Country express much Friendship for us that is to say the Chiefs, for the common people it is necessary to be mistrustful they do not suffer us to go out without an Escort, because say they an Accident might happen to us and the People of the Country are not very scrupulous of Murder, especially of strangers.

They every day question us concerning the Capture of Manilha, our Forces, and we neglect nothing to preserve in them, the great Idea they have conceived of the Power, Valor, and Generosity, Honor and Fidelity of the nation, and we endeavour in all our Conversation with different Persons to raise in them still greater Ideas by shewing them the advantages that may result to the two nations from this Alliance.

They are recruiting to compleat the Number of Men they have engaged to send you.

I have the Honor to be with profound respect and sincere Attachment.

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble servant

John Durand.

Yolo
May 11th. 1763.

The Board are greatly surprized thereat and cannot help thinking that it carries with it but a faint probability of their complying exactly with the Terms of their Agreement. In Malay Countrys, there are few merchants of sufficient opulence to purchase a cargo it therefore seems necessary to establish a Factory for the vending of such commodities by degrees without which the Board apprehend the Company will never find the Xolo Trade Answer— Agreed however to dispatch a small Boat to advise Mr. Alexander Dalrymple of the above, that he may use means to recover the debt and that he be desired to inform them more particularly, of the Nature of the Place, untill which, and they receive directions from the Coast they defer coming to any resolution.

Saint Anns Cargo to be sent to China on the Houghton.

Ordered that the Cargo received by the St. Ann be forthwith removed on Board the Houghton to be consign'd to China.

Letter from Mr. Nodes read as follows.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr.
& Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen

I have not yet been able to comply with the Orders contained in yours of the 12th. Instant, as Mr. Dodd has not been present. In the meantime, Permit me to observe that those charges, which appear so very unreasonable, were first introduced in the accounts of Mr. Dodd, long before I came to Cavita Had any objection been then made thereto I should undoubtedly have been apprized thereof that they might have been rectifyed accordingly but as no particular notice was then taken of them to me, I could see no reason to discontinue any such.

— *MANILHA, JULY 1763* —

With regard to the disbursements for the Month of April I shall endeavour to distinguish them according to your directions but the confused state of Affairs at the time of my Arrival a Cavita renders it a Task extremely difficult and Tedious.

Concerning the distribution of Oil and Candles I should be very glad to know where Allowances of such articles are to be made, and beg leave at the same time to add, that I hope neither of them will be denied to a Storekeeper &c^{a}.

d. r.

The 7–4 p^{r}. Month granted to the Officer was in consequence of the then scarcity of good Water at Cavita and the expence incurring to those who live at any distance from the Fort, none but the soldiers made use of the Tank Water nor was there at that time any Cooleys allowed the Barracks of the Officers and soldiers, a certain number of which is absolutely necessary and has been always granted, The Expence not being retrench'd when the Tank was fill'd was I must confess an Oversight of mine, but as the water was not made use of The Difference of the Expence was very inconsiderable.

A return of Stores shall be sent agreable to your Orders but I must observe to you that unless I have the care of them, as well as M^{r}. Petts I cannot be answerable for any deficiency neither can I be made culpable for any Confusion which may happen.

I acknowledge to have received a supply of arrack from the Storekeeper of Manilha with directions to have it delivered out to the Soldiers, but not having at that time any body I could trust for that purpose, I thought it best to defer it untill I was properly provided.

In order to have the Customs collected It is very necessary there be proper people deputed to attend the Water side otherwise I cannot possibly answer for what may be landed by any ship or Vessel in my absence.

I made enquirys concerning the Macassan vessel but I cannot learn that she landed any Cinnamon or anything else of value.

As I conclude Gentlemen, you must be sensible, that the dutys of my several Employments together with the additional trouble of keeping a general Set of Books cannot be executed with Propriety by myself alone I hope you will excuse all such neglects or omissions which may possibly occur for want of an Assistant but at the same time you may be assured, I shall (to the utmost of my Ability's) discharge every Point of duty with the greatest punctuality, I mean not to speak in disparagement of M^{r}. Dodd, as he has been always willing to yield me all the Assistance in his power but the multiplicity of his own Business prevents him from doing me the service I could wish, thō yet he is of some.

Enclosed is M^{r}. Glassford's Bill for the Phillippine which I take the opportunity of laying before you, as it wants so much curtailing accompanyed with that is a Charge made by our Commandant for Intelligencers and another for pens, ink and paper, I send likewise a certificate from M^{r}. Herbert in favor of M^{r}. John Lawter a Master Cooper, who is now so well recovered as to be able to work at his Business and would be glad to know your Pleasure how he is to be disposed of as he pleaded Necessity I let him have a months Pay.

I cannot conclude without representing to you that if Capt^{n}. Brereton persists in having the sole management of employing distributing and discharging the Workmen employed in the service of the Company, I hope he alone will be responsible for the Expence which may be thereby incurred. I

must presume, for my Part, to differ with him in opinion in several Circumstances, but more especially that of entertaining a considerable number of Workmen when there remains no further occasion for their service If these matters are left to his discretion I shall no longer dispute the Point with him.

I am with due respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
JOHN NODES.

CAVITA
JULY 29TH. 1763.

With respect to the Workmen the Board have already explained their sentiments to Mr. Nodes if Captain Brereton cannot point out Advantages resulting from their continuance in the service ordered that they be discharged except a Mastree of every different Branch.

If a Person of Confidence can be procured to take Account of Goods imported at Cavita resolved that Mr. Nodes be permitted to entertain him.

Resolved that the Phillipina be put in the same footing as the Company's other vessels.

The Commandants are allowed the same for Stationary as the other Staff Officers and all Bills for Intelligence should come from the Castiliano.

Ordered that a Letter to the above Purport be addressed to Mr. Nodes.

The Paymaster presents Mr. Nodes's Account for Cavita for June which not being agreable to the late directions are ordered to be return'd by the Accountant with rules for his Guidance.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Having been now near two years in India, writing in the Secretary's Office at Madras as well as here in expectation of being taken into the Civil Service, and having very great reason to believe that I am not in this year's List, I must beg leave to acquaint you that I have laid aside all thoughts of it and that I purpose after my Arrival on the Coast, endeavoring to procure a Commission in the Cavalry.

But as you are all sensible how much time I have lost, and as every day I continue in my present situation, is so much added to it, I hope you will not deem me unreasonable, if I request, that in consideration thereof, you will be pleased to appoint me an Ensign in the Honble Company's Troops.

I am with the utmost respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient & most humble Servant
HECTOR MACKAY.

N.B.—The Paragraph relative hereto should have been entered immediately hereafter being omitted the Resolution is incerted at the end of the Consn.

MANILHA
24TH. JULY 1763.

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The Paymaster presents a Bill for Coolies employed with the Parties that sent to S^{t}. Padro Macati amounting to Doll^{rs}. 6 and are for Coolies employed on the Malinta Expedition for 35 Doll^{rs}. ordered that they be discharged.

Captain Backhouse having recommended Antonio Guanio a Cabaulla of the Chinese for his diligence and Assiduity during the Expedition in Baylayan Agreed that he allowed a rupee p^{r}. day for the time he was so employed.

Ordered that a General Letter to Canton be immediately prepared.

Read a Letter from M^{r}. Sprat as follows.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQ^{R}.
GOV^{R}. &^{CA} COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

This is to inform the Honble Board that I have waited on Captain Flint and shewed the Order I received from M^{r}. Tairdon for him to pay me the Seapoys Batta which is equal to one Ryal a day but it was to no purpose he did not chuse to pay it I must beg the Favor of the Honble Board to enquire into this Affair. **Letter from Mr. Sprat on the subject of Dieting the seapoys on the Expedition to Bulacan.**

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and very
humble Servant

JOHN SPRAT.

MANILHA
JULY 28TH. 1763.

The Governor engages to speak to Captain Flint on the Occasion.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

During the time M^{r}. Mackay has been under the Secretary of Manila, his constant Application to his Business has recommended him to the notice of the Board agreed therefore, as he proposes to follow a Military Life, that agreable to his request a Commission be granted to him. **Mr. Mackay appod. an Ensign.**

Sent the following Letter to M^{r}. John Nodes at Cavita.

To M^{R}. JOHN NODES
PAYMASTER AT CAVITA.

Sir

We have received yours of the 29th. and altho we are of Opinion that your Employ properly attended to requires [*sic*] an Assistant it is not in our Power to spare you one. All therefore we can do is to recommend to you the greater Assiduity and this we hope you will not be wanting in.

If there is not Employment in the yard we cannot see the necessity of continuing the Workmen in the Companys Pay we would however have a Mestree of every different Branch engaged; and before the rest are dismissed we desire you will consult with Capt^{n}. Brereton should he point out to you any advantage that can result therefrom you will immediately inform us thereof otherwise they may be discharged.

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If you can procure a Person of Confidence to attend at the Sea Gate to take an Account of all Goods imported (Provisions excepted), you have our Permission for entertaining him.

We have examined Mr. Glassfords Bills for his Allowances &ca. we refer you to the accompanying Paper and in future all vessels are to be supply'd with Provisions from the storehouse if therefore you have not sufficient by you an advising Mr. Parsons he will give directions for sending you a supply.

Captain Bishop is to be allow'd Pag. 1 & ½ pr. month for stationary the other Bill for Intelligence should come from the Castiliano. The Mastree Coopers Services being wanted at Manilha you are to order him up.

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

DAWSONNE DRAKE

&CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
JULY 30TH. 1763.

AUGUST 1ST. Yesterday the wind blowing extremely hard at S.Wt. the St. Anns Captn. Mathews parted her Cables and drove upon a sand to the Nd. of the river Boats were ordered off to her Assistance but the weather containuing very bad, it was not possible to get on Board of her.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY AUGUST 1ST.

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Letter from Major Fell read as follows.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA

GENTLEMEN

Letter from Major Fell requesting half Batta for the Officers.

The Commanding Officers of the different Corps in this Garrison were with me on Saturday morning representing I am sorry to say with too much truth the utter impossibility of the Officers supporting themselves upon their Pay and at the same time keeping up to their different stations which may easily be demonstrated by an estimate of the most frugal way of Living that can be imagined and praying me to apply to you for the Addition of half Batta, (which I the more readily have undertaken as sensible that you are all convinc'd of the excessive Price of every Articles of the necessary of Life and that without allowing themselves one superfluity every Officer must indispensably run himself considerably in debt without Prospect of paying it unless you are pleased to take their case into consideration and allow them the stipend above propos'd the Gentlemen of the Council at Madras in their publick Letter have been pleased to approve of every step you have hitherto taken and I don't doubt will approve of your taking this, which is so evidently necessary to the well being of those officers who are jointly concerned in the service

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of His Majesty and the Honble Company I should have made this representation to you before, but knowing the low state of your Finances I forbore till you received a supply from the Coast which you have now done by the Houghton and are in daily expectations of more for which reason and as I never heard any of the Honble Board say that their Instructions from the Govr. and Council at Madras had tied their hands in this respect I hope this just request will meet with a favourable Answer which will greatly oblige him who in the name of the whole of the Officers concern'd has the Honor to subscribe himself.

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient & most humble servant

ROBT. EDWD. FELL.

MANILHA
AUGUST 1ST. 1763.

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again referred to the Decision of the Gentlemen at Madras.

The Board have already transmitted a copy of a former Application from the Officers on the same subject to the Govr. and Council of Madras they every day expect an Answer to which they must again refer them.

Read the following representation from the French Officers on board the Houghton.

TO THE HONBLE GOVR. AND COUNCIL
FOR HIS BRITANNICK MAJESTY AT MANILHA.

Letter from the French Officers on board the Houghton requesting leave to remain at Manilha.

Messrs. Dusorsay and Despinette Captains in the French Service and Prisoners of War to His Britannick Majesty with 30 other officers of the same nation who were embarked at Madras on the Houghton for China have the Honor to represent to you, Sir and Gentlemen of the Honble Council that having learnt at Manilha the news of a suspension of Arms between their Britannick Catholick and most Christian Majestys published with the usual Ceremonies we demand in the name of the King for us and for all the Prisoners, which are on Board, to enjoy the Priviledges usually granted in like cases to Prisoners of War and to remain here without being re-embarked or transported to any other Place.

We have the honor to be with respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble servants

DUSAUNAY.
DESPINETTY.

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refused.

Ordered that the Secretary in Answer acquaint them that the Govr. and Council of Madras not having mentioned them in their letter we cannot with Propriety consent to their remaining here.

Plate to be kept here and coined.

The Govr. lays before the Board on Account of the rupees Coined, whereby it appears that the loss on the plate incurred thereby is about 11 pr. cent. As it is apprehended that it would turn out much more in Canton, great part of the silver being very indifferent, and the Charge of coining decreasing, most of the materials being already purchased, resolved that it be kept here and the whole of it coined into rupees.

An Armenian in the Company service absconds with a large Ballance against him his Effects to be sold to pay off the balance.

—— *MANILHA, AUGUST 1763* ——

Mr. Brooke Paymaster lays before the Board a Bill for Mr. Turner as Aid-de-camp for 184 Dollrs. Ordered to be paid.

Mr. Brooke represents to the Board that Satron an Armenian, lately employed in the Companys service has absconded having in his Hands advances D. R. R. to the Amount of 810–5–6 but that he Satron had in part procured 68 Lanthorns which several Chinese and others had valued at 6 Dollrs. each and that he had a House in Town, Ordered in Consequence, that the Lanthorns be brought to Account at the abovementioned rate, and that his house and Furniture to be sold to pay off the Ballance that will there remain due.

The Govr. reads the Cash Account for last Month as entered hereafter.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Dr. THE HONBLE COMPANY'S CASH. Cr.

		Dollars	R	R			Dollars	R	R
1763 July	To ballance brought from last Months account.	63,761	2	2	1763 July	By Account Current advanced don Manued de Roxo late Govr. of Manilha for the subsistance of the royal Spanish officers Civil and Military for Bills on the royal Treasury of Madrid.	3,500	—	—
	To Mr. Francis Barnewall borrowed of him.	12,000	—	—	2	By the Paymaster advanced Henry Brooke for the Charges of this Employ.	3,000	—	—
	To Garrison Storekeeper received of Henry Parsons.	1,000	—	—	4	By the Paymaster advanced Henry Brooke for the Charges of his Employ.	5,000	—	—
	To Account Current Fort St. George received from the Houghton.	1,26,000	—	—	6	By the Paymaster advanced Hy. Brooke for the Charges of his Employ.	5,000	—	—
	To the Arrack Farmer received 3 Months rent.	2,500	—	—	9	By the Paymaster advanced Hy. Brooke for the charges of his Employ.	2,500	—	—
						By the Paymaster at Cavita advanced J. Nodes for the charges of his Employ.	6,000	—	—
						By the Military Storekeeper advanced Hy. Parsons for the Charges of his Employ.	1,000	—	—
	Carried over	12,05,261	2	2		Carried over	26,000	0	0

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	Dollars	R	R			Dollars	R	R
Brought forward	..2,05,261	2	2		Brought forward ..	26,000	0	0
				9	By Secret Services as ꝑr. order of Consultn.	1,000	—	—
				22	By the Paymaster advanced Hy. Brooke for the Charges of his Employ.	2,000	—	—
					By the Paymaster advanced Mr. Brooke for the Charges of his Employ.	9,000	—	—
					By Plate delivered to be coined into Rups.	17,000	—	—
					By Ballance carried 55,000 to next months Account.	1,50,261	—	—
Dollars	2,05,261	2	2	Dollars ..		2,05,261	2	2

MANILHA JULY 31ST. 1763. ERRORS EXCEPTED.

Sent the following Letter to Major Fell. 2d.

To ROBERT EDWARD FELL ESQR.
COMMANDER OF HIS MAJESTYS 79TH. REGIMENT AT MANILHA.

Sir,

We were yesterday favor'd with your letter of that date requesting an Allowance of half Batta for the Officers of this Garrison when they applyed to us on the same subject in February last we acquainted them that we could not comply with their request but transmitted a copy of it to the Governor and Council of Madras to whom we strongly represented the Insufficiency of their Pay in the last letter received from the Coast the Gentlemen acquaint us that by the next conveyance they shall particularly reply to every Paragraph of our address and as we are sensible of the scarcity and excessive Price of every thing we hope their decision will be favorable but are obliged to refer them thereto.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

DAWSONNE DRAKE &CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
AUGUST 1763

—— *MANILHA, AUGUST 1763* ——

AUGUST 2ND. The weather being moderate Boats are ordered to be sent to receive the St. Anns Cargo.

4TH. Boats Employed in unloading the St. Ann.

5TH. The St. Ann got off the Bank without damage being near unloaded.

Dispatched the Honble Company's ship Houghton with the following General Letter to the Super Cargoes at Canton, as by the beforementioned Accident, to have sent by her the St. Anns Cargo, must have occasioned her detention for same days longer, and frequent opportunities will hereafter offer by the Ships that may touch here.

To THOMAS FITZHUGH ESQR.
&CA. SUPER CARGOES OF COUNCIL AT CANTON.

GENTLEMEN,

By the Honble Companys Ships Essex and Albion which imported here in February we had the pleasure to receive your favor of January with the royal Captains Bales consigned to Us by those Conveyance.

Admiral Cornish in December last dispatch'd His Majestys Ships Elizabeth and Weymouth to Pulo Timon to convoy through the streights such of the Companys homewards bound vessels as they might meet with at that Place and with the rest of the Squadron (the Falmouth and the Seaford Frigate) who were left here for the defence of the Bay expected he sailed the 3d. of March having under his convoy the Essex and Albian he arrived at Madras the 14th. May and the Indiamen proceeded on their voyage.

Our Honble Masters Ship Houghton, imported here the 23d. ultimo bringing with her the agreable News of the Reduction of the Havannah by Admiral Pococok of a Victory gaind by the King of Prusia over the Austrians also of two gain'd by Prince Ferdinand over the French of a Suspension of Arms between their Britannick most Christian and Catholick Majestys and of the Birth of a son and Heir to the British Crown on this happy Circumstance as well as on the Glorious Successes which have everywhere attended His Majesty's Arms, accept our hearty and sincere Congratulations, also our firm wishes that this Constant series of fortunate Events be crowned by a lasting and Honourable Peace.

We once had hopes Gentlemen of making you a considerable remittance of Treasure, but the Spaniards who by the Articles of the Capitulation, engaged to deliver up the Treasure brought by the Phillippine Galleon last year, from Aquapulio in part of the Ransom of the Town (contrary to their said engagements convey'd the whole) near 4 million over Land and delivered it up to Senor Anda, an Ovidor of this City who left it the night before the Assault, illegally set himself for Captn. General and Governor of the Phillippine Islands, in the name of His Catholick Majesty and in consequence immediately began to act offensively against us [...] Interest, daily increasing we have often been obliged to march out and keep detachments in the Field, and the expence incurred thereby, added to our abovementioned disappointment, and the heavy charges of the Garrison entirely exhausted our Treasury reduced therefore to very alarming circumstances, instead of supplying you we were preparing a vessel to dispatch to request an assistance of 1,00,000 Dollars, when the Houghton fortunately arrived, of the Treasure consigned to you by her, we have in consequence been obliged to detain 31 chest Qr. Rupees 252000 for the immediate support of this Settlement. Nothing but absolute Necessity could have drove us to this disagreable step, as we forsee it must in some measure distress our Honble Masters Affairs but when the Honor of His Majestys Arms in these parts and the very preservation of the acquisition were at stake, we could not hesitate, and no Alternative appeared, we however shall not fail to remit to you the Amount out of a supply the Governor & Council at Madras have promised to send us.

— *MANILHA, AUGUST 1763* —

We deferred dispatching this Ship for some days, in Order to consign you a quantity of sago and Pearl Shells received by a vessel just arrived from Xolo, but she having by bad weather been drove ashore & we not yet received the whole of her Cargo we shall defer it untill another opportunity offers.

In April we dispatched the just beforementioned vessel to Xolo with the King of Xolo's son His whole family during one of our expeditions having thrown themselves under our protection the Xolians having invited them to reaccept the Government she likewise carried with her the Royal Captains Bales, but her returns amounted only to 4970 Dollars and a considerable Ballance remains due from the Prince which he has engaged to send in Country Boats and which in such case we shall immediately consign to you.

We are,
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants

MANILHA
AUGUST 4TH. 1763.

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST.

Read the following letters from Mr. Saulmier [*sic*] Commanding the Honble Company's Sloop Peisig and Mr. Dodd Attorney to the Agent for the Captors.

Letter from Mr. Saulnier representing the bad state of his Sloop.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
& COUNCIL AT MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

In consequence of your orders I send a return of the state of the Honble Company's Sloop Pasig and what she stands in need of to make her fit for the Sea.

The Sloop makes a great deal of water, not in any particular place but by a general drain through most of the seams in the Bottom, and goes so very bad upon albino that should she ever get upon a lee shore it would be impossible to clear it, as when there is any thing of a Swell, she will never stay; the Sloop must absolutely be Caulked and sheathed, before she can go any where she also stands in need of a new Captain and new pumps with an anchor of 9 cwt. the anchors she now has being too small for her.

If her mast was to be removed further Aft, I believe it would have a good effect upon her going, or if she were converted into a Snow with two feet of false keele put on her I dont doubt, but she would then turn to Windward as well as the generality of vessels of her Build.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most devoted & most Obedient servant

MANILHA
AUGUST 3RD. 1763.

CS. PR. SAULNIER.

— *MANILHA, AUGUST 1763* —

To Dawsonne Drake Esq^{R}.
&^{CA}. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen

Letter from Mr. Dodd requesting an advance of 7000 Dollars.

The necessity I am reduced to for money to Purchase Provisions and to defray the Contingent Charges of his Majesty's ships Falmouth & Seaford (obliges me as Attorney to the Agent for the Captors) to apply to you for Payment of part of the Bills for stores the Honble Company is indebted to them for and in all probability we shall be obliged to heave down before our departure & to victual for six months to come, not less than seven thousand Doll^{rs}. will suffice, which I am to beg Gentlemen you will please to order the Payment of.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servant
R^{p}. Dodd.

Manilha
August 3rd. 1763.

Sloop to be surveyed.

Ordered that the Sloop be surveyed by Capt^{n}. Scott, Capt^{n}. Saulnier and the Carpenter of the Marine yard at Cavita.

3000 Dollrs. to be advanced to Mr. Dodd.

Resolved that as M^{r}. Dodd represents his necessity to be so very pressing, the sum of 3000 Dollars be advanced to him and that, if necessary on the Arrival of the Ships from Madras the remaining part of his request shall be complied with.

Letter from Mr. Elles.

Read a Letter from M^{r}. Elles Carpenter at Cavita.

Honble Gentlemen,

You will be pleased to remind yourselves of your former promises when first I entered on the service as Linguist & Master Carpenter, at the Marine yard at Cavita, I was informed by the Goveror of Cavita, my Pay for my service relative to the Honble East India Company should be thirty Dollars P^{r}. month, as when I was at Manilha the Gov^{r}. M^{r}. Drake gave me full assurances of the same, In the abovementioned service I have served five months from the 1st. March ult^{o}. having received only three months pay from M^{r}. Nodes, and am defective of the two other months Gentlemen your order for the Payment will greatly oblige.

Honble Gentlemen
Your most humble & obedient Servant
John Ellis.

Cavita
August 4th. 1763.

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Altho the Board appointed him an allowance of 15 Dollrs. in April it seems to have been a mistake as he was paid before that time the same Allowance this appears evidently from his letter as well as the Accounts of Cavita and as he has been useful in the Naval yard, saved the Company much Timber and the the Country Mestrees are allowed 10 Reals Pr. day—Agreed that for the time he was employed by them as Carpenter he be paid at the rate of 30 Dollrs. Pr. month.

Mr. Henry Parsons Garrison Storekeeper reports to the Board that on the quantity of Ghee consigned to this place from Madras Pr. Houghton a Deficiency of no less than 68 has arisen. Ordered that an Account properly certified be transmitted by the first conveyance to the Court of Directors as also the Governor and Council of Madras. An Account Deficiency of ghee to be sent to Europe & the Coast.

Bills for sundry's purchased as Presents for the Chief of Illocos &ca. amounting to Dollrs. 123–6 are presented by Mr. De Sauza and ordered to be discharged. Bills from Mr. Souza to be paid.

Mr. Sprat presents a bill also for Sugar &ca. purchased for the Garrison amounting to 243–4–9 which is ordered to be paid by the Garrison Storekeeper. Bill from Mr. Sprat to be paid.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

AT A CONSULTATION

FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST 1763.

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Read a letter from Captain Peighen Commanding his Majesty's Ship Seaford as follows.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

In consequence of a letter I received from you the 11th. June, I sent the inclosed to Mr. Nodes, whose reply I have likewise inclosed to you, which you will find was written two months ago, in which time he has taken no further notice either in regard to your directions I informed him of, or to the intimation he makes in his own letter a proceeding which thó I cannot for, you, Gentlemen probably may, and will I have no doubt at least inquire into it, & inform me where the neglect lays. Letter from Captn. Peighen.

As this Omission most likely of your Paymaster here has obliged me again to address you on this subject, I must desire to take notice in return to your letter above cited, that mine to you in May, was not (tho you were pleased to say so) the first address I had made to you; & to add that the request I made was general, not to one Gentlemen only but to all the members who I at that time knew were of the Council (all acquiescing in it) and not till they had been a Council several months, expecting they of themselves would have made the offer (as is usual in the other Settlements) not as an indulgence as you thought fit to term it, which I am confident the East India Company or the Council at Madras and Bombay never did but meant and understood it, as a Compliment expressive of respect and Civility.

Besides Gentlemen, upon reflection you will find it necessary that accommodations should be provided for Captains of Men of War, upon their going

ashore, it has ever been so, and it would be a reproach upon the East India Directors, not to have done it who are so essentially concerned in the service they are upon.

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most obedient humble servant

JOHN PEIGHEN.

SEAFORD CAVITA
AUGUST 7TH. 1763.

To MR. NODES

Sir

The Govr. and Council acquaints me they have directed you to pay me Monthly 16 Dollrs. and there being in Arrear seven months the 10th. Inst. Please pay to the Bearer Thomas Davis the sum agreeable thereto.

I am

Sir,

Your humble servant

JOHN PEIGHEN.

SEAFORD CAVITA
14TH. JUNE 1763.

TO CAPTAIN PEIGHEN.

Sir,

I have not yet received Advice from the Govr. & Council concerning what you write me, neither have I any money to offer you, except you are willing to receive the small coin; I expect some Dollrs. from Manilha in six or seven days time; therefore as I presume it is the same thing to you, I would rather advise you to wait till then.

I am

Sir

Your Obedient servant

JOHN NODES.

CAVITA
JUNE 14TH. 1763.

Ordered that Mr. Nodes be again directed to pay him the allowances formerly agreed to.

Galley to be repaired.

The Company's treasury being recruited and there being some reason to expect that there may be shortly occasion for the Company's Vessels, Agreed that the Galley now laying on shore at Cavita be forthwith repaired and with the utmost Ecconomy.

Ghee to be served.

Ordered that the Ghee received from Fort St. George by the Houghton, be served out to the Lascars and Seapoys at an Advance of . . . which will prevent the Company from losing, and that Monthly Deductions be made by the Commandant of the Seapoys & the Clerk of the Committee of Works for the same.

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Mr. Henry Brooke presents to the Board 4 Bills from the Chevalier Faillet amounting to 623 Dollars for Cash advanced some time since, by him to the King of Xolo &ca. Ordered that they be discharged. Bills presented by the Paymaster.

Mr. Henry Brooke the Paymaster lays before the Board his Accounts for last Month which are read and Passed. Paymaster's Accounts read.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

AT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY 15TH AUGUST 1763.

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Brooke Paymaster.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

Gentlemen

Mr. Secretary Jourdan has delivered me a Copy of a Letter, from the Board of Fort St. George, importing, that as the Paymaster's Accounts transmitted them from hence, refers to Bills and Papers not sent them, the Committee are unable to make their remarks thereon. Letter from Mr. Brooke on the subject of his Employ of Paymaster.

You are sensible, Gentlemen, that I have laid before you my Accounts regularly every Month, not exceeding the 10th. of the succeeding one, which Accounts were approved of and passed by the Board of this Place, and that I also produced my Vouchers allways at the same time, for your inspection, and entire Satisfaction. At the time when our Dispatches were preparing for Madras, you are also sensible, that I desired to have the sanction of this Board, for the manner in which it would be necessary to transmit the Paymaster's Accounts to Madras, and you were then unanimously of opinion, it would be sufficient to transmit the Monthly Accounts only as the Vouchers, by being detained here, might be of service to illustrate any Errors, which hereafter might happen. But since the Gentlemen of Madras think it necessary that the Vouchers should be sent thither, I have for that purpose delivered them to Mr. Secretary Jourdan, commencing Octr. 1762 & ending August 1763 both included.

His Majesty's Marines when here on shore duty, were put on the same footing as to pay, and Allowances, as the Company's Military, by the direction of General Draper and as their Pay Rolls are included in the aforementioned Vouchers, I hope it will be sufficient.

I have applied to Major Fell, relating to Lieutenant Richbell's Charge of 80 Rupees for his Passage Money hither, & I enclose you the Majors Answer

I am
Gentlemen,
with great respect
Your most obedient & most humble servant
HENRY BROOKE.

MANILHA THE 15TH. AUGUST 1763.

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To Henry Brooke Esq^{r}.

I have enquired of M^{r}. Richbell, if he had ever received the Money mentioned in the Abstract from the General Letter, and he assures me upon his Honor, that he never received a Shilling from Major More upon that Account.

I am
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant

ROB^{T}. EDW^{D}. FELL.

MANILHA
AUGUST 15TH. 1763.

Bills presented by the Paymaster to be paid.

M^{r}. Brooke Paymaster lays before the Board a Bill for a Coach, purchased for the King of Xolo, amounting to doll^{rs}. 300, which is ordered to be paid.

Bills tendered by the Marine Paymaster passed.

M^{r}. Smith Marine Paymaster lays before the Board, the following Bills for Stores, furnished the different vessels belonging to the Honble Company viz^{t}.

	D.	R.	P.
Phillippino Snow	545	..	..
Speedwell	77	2	3
Cavita	226	4	4
Falmouth	94	7	8
Pasig	68	4	7

which being charged at the same rates as formerly, are accordingly passed.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQ^{R}. DEPUTY GOV^{R}. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Examination of a Malay for endeavouring to seduce Seapoys to Desertion.

Francisco de la Cruz a Malay, confined on suspicion of having endeavoured to entice two Seapoys to desert, is brought before the Board for his Examination.

Kistna Naig of Seapoys deposes, that Fernando de la Cruz asked him the 18th. whether he would go to Pampanga, and that 2 Seapoys having deserted from Quiapo he also enquired of him whether he had carried them away and whether he would guide them to M^{r}. Anda's Party, & that in answer, the Prisoner informed him he would. The Deponent then told the Prisoner, that he would mention the affair to one of his relations, who would go with them the next day; that accordingly on the morrow the Prisoner came, and acquainted him that a Boat was in waiting, on which he said he would call his Companion (and the Prisoner advised him to bring his Arms which would be separately allowed for, that for every Subadar would be paid a 1000 Dollars every Naig 100 every Seapoy 15) & with the assistance of the subadar & he immediately secured him. Bim Naique Subadar solemnly deposes, that having seen the above Deponent on the 18th. Speaking to the Prisoner, he inquired of him, on what subject they were discourcing, to which the other replied that the Prisoner had been persuading him to desert, and that he would return on the morrow, that

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accordingly he came the succeeding Morning, and confessed to the Deponent, that he had shown the 2 Seapoys who deserted some days since, the way to Pampanga, that the Prisoner assured him, if he would go to Pampanga, he would be paid 1000 Dollars, be made a Major, with an Allowance of 100 Dollars p^{r}. month; that he the Deponent then went into Quiapo Post, under pretence of fetching his Arms, and having brought the beforementioned Deponent, with 2 Seapoys secured the Prisoner.

M^{r}. Miller Ensign of Seapoys, being sworn, deposes, that having the Post at Quiapo, and two Seapoys having deserted, he encouraged the People to endeavour to discover the Person who had decoy'd them away, that the Subadar having informed him he had some hopes of finding him out; he the Deponent advised him to pretend that he would go off with him, that accordingly the Subadar soon after brought in the Prisoner, and declared to him to the same effect, as in his already inserted Deposition.

The Prisoner being informed with the Charge alledged against him, acknowledges, that he shewed the way to Pampanga to the 2 Seapoys that deserted, that he informed the Subadar the Allowances he mentions would be granted to him, that he had lately been at Pampanga, where he had been promised 100 Dollars for every Deserter he might bring off, and the Question being put to him whether he would not have carried off the Subadar &c^{a}. he confesses that he would.

There having been lately frequent Desertions, and the Town, and Suburbs swarming with these Seducers, an Example becomes necessary. The Evidences are clear in their Depositions, and the Prisoner acknowledges the Charge exhibited against him Resolved therefore, that the Prisoner be carried from Manilha thrō the suburb of S^{t}. Cruz &ca. the Provost at the same time causing his crime to be published at the Corner of every street, untill he reaches Quiapo, and that he there be hanged within sight of the Post, to deter others from following his Example.

Subidar & Naig to be rewarded.

A reward of 100 Dollars was formerly promised to every Person who might discover, and bring to conviction, the Seducers of our People to desertion; The Subadar having on this occasion behaved remarkably well, and the Board being of opinion, that the taking Public Notice thereof, will be a means of stirring up Emulation among the other Seapoy Officers, Resolved, that the Naig have a gratuity of 25 Dollars and that a handsome Sword of the value of 100 Dollars be publickly presented to the Subadar on the Parade, before all the Troops in the Name of the Honble Company, as a mark of their Approbation of his Conduct, and their Confidence in his Fidelity.

Dawsonne Drake.

Speedwell returned with cattle.

Returned the Speedwell Brig. from her Cruize off Luban bringing with her a few Head of cattle.

AT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY 22D. AUGUST.

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.

JOHN LEWIN SMITH, HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS, WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Captain Roberts of the Speedwell having brought with him from Luban several Head of Cattle, and advising, that a further Quantity may be procured; Resolved, that she be immediately returned for that purpose, as the Garrison is greatly distressed for fresh Provisions.

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Town Major's Bill paid.

Lieutenant Russell, Town Major presents a Bill to the Board for his pay and Allowances in that Employ from October to the End of the present Month, amounting to Dollars 898–6–2 Ordered that it be paid.

Speedwell's Impress pass'd.

Mr. Smith Marine Paymaster lays before the Board the Impress &ca. Charges for the Speedwell Brig. Ordered that it be discharged.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

MONDAY 24TH. AUGUST.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.

JOHN LEWIN SMITH. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Lewin Smith.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

Letter from Mr. Lewin Smith requesting Permission to return to the Coast.

When I formerly made Application to this Board to return to Madras, It was so kind as to acquiesce therein, but the unexpected Departure of Messrs. Russell and Johnson occasioning me to suspend my request at that time I applied to the Governor & Council of Madras to be relieved by the first opportunity althō I have not yet received a Publick Answer thereto, yet having had assurances from the Governor, and some of the Members of that Board, that my request will be complied with, And the obstacles which prevented my going before now removed, by the two abovementioned vacancies in the Council being filled up, with Messrs. Parsons & Stevenson, joined to this being the Season for going to Canton, where I have some considerable concerns, which absolutely require my Presence, (otherwise may be a great sufferer) and which you are Sensible I have been but too much already), from whence I shall in all probability get a Passage to Madras sooner than from hence, and where also the situation of my Affairs require me to be as soon as possible, these considerations will I flatter myself induce you, Gentlemen, to do me the favor only to anticipate my leave, & permit me to take my Passage on the Sabut Jung, which is to sail shortly for Canton, as I may otherwise lose the opportunity of going there, or at least so favorable a one may not again offer, your Compliance herewith will infinitily oblige.

Gentlemen,

Your most obedt. humble Servant

JOHN LEWIN SMITH.

conditionally granted.

The Board agree to comply with Mr. Smith's Request, on Condition of their Leave being Confirmed from the Presidency, of which he informs them he has strong Assurances from Mr. Pigot, and the other Gentlemen in Council.

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Lieutenant Smith of the Coffre Company lays before the Board the following Address.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Letter from Lt. Smith requesting the Coffres may be put on the same footing as the Europeans.

The Soldiers of the Coffrey Company which I have the Honor to command, having at different times complained to me, I beg leave to represent their Grievance to the Board.

They declare themselves to have Labour'd under the greatest difficulties to subsist upon their Pay, it being one fifth Part less than is paid to the Europeans, or even the Irregulars who do the Duty of Seapoys. The Price of Provisions considered, I presume, it will appear hard to a Soldier, who does the regular Duty of a Garrison, and obliged to appear daily upon the Parade in a clean, well dress'd, and soldier like manner for six Rupees one real and seven Barrellas pr. month, that being his full Pay. Gentlemen, I hope their sobriety and regular Behaviour, in Points of duty, and cleanliness, will prove a sufficient recommendation, and if thrō your Goodness, they may be so happy as to have an Advance to their Pay, permit me to request it may commence from the time the seapoys had an addition to theirs, that being a precedent, and the first occasion of their Complaint.

I am
GENTLEMEN,
Your most obedient Humble servant
DANIEL SMITH.
Lt. H. C. Troops.

MANILHA,
25TH AUGUST 1763.

Granted.

As the Coffres have always behaved well, & the request made in their behalf is reasonable, they doing Duty with the Europeans, Agreed that they be put on the same footing from the 1st. of next month.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

A ship in the Bay. 24TH.

Arrived in the Bay a ship supposed to be from the Coast.

26TH. Proves to be the Hector from Fort St. George.

Received the Packet from the before mentioned Ship, which proves to be the Hector Captn. John Williams from Madras.

AT A CONSULTATION

AUGUST 26TH.

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Packet opened with the List thereof.

The Packet opened & found to agree.

The General Letters &ca. Papers Read.

Ordered that the Extracts relating to Major Fell & the half Batta requested by the Officers, be immediately sent to them.

Read also a Letter from Mr. Dalrymple at Mallaca.

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To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. COUNCIL AT MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

Letter from Mr. Dalrymple advising of his Proceeding immediately to Xolo in the Neptune.

I left Madras the 4th. July in the Neptune for Xolo & China, which Ship reached Malacca the 31st. in Company with the Hector, & Brittannia, by the former of which I have an opportunity of acquainting you, that the London which sailed the 10th. June, from Madras arrived here the 2nd. August. The Londoners intended to give Intelligence to the Xola's of another Ship being to follow, & was to continue at Xolo till our arrival, & then to follow my Directions. But as after the Houghton's Departure the Preliminary Articles were received by which Manilha & its Dependances, are to be restored to Spain it was necessary to give you, as early Intelligence as possible, and therefore the London was directed to make no stay at Xolo, but proceed immediately from thence to Manilha; Her tedious Passage makes it unnecessary for her to proceed directly to Manilha, as the Hector carries you these Dispatches. I therefore propose to carry the London with us, as her Presence may be useful to the Neptune, and will enable me to transmit you Advices from Xolo, which will be the more necessary as I am directed to provide a returning Cargo for the London, which the Gentlemen at Madras intend shall carry the old Sultan from Manilha to Xolo, in her way back to the Coast, as they will inform you by a future conveyance.

The London is in want of Repairs, which Information I thought might be useful, that Preparations may be made for executing them, as expeditiously as possible. If any, Caulking and Sheathing will be the Chief Matters.

As any considerable Delay to the Neptune, by keeping the London in Company, would be of bad consequence, considering the Lateness of the season, we shall part Company, if we find it necessary & the Commander has directions in that Case, to proceed immediately to Manilha.

I wish you every success in the administration of the Company's Affairs under your Direction & have the Honor to be.

GENTLEMEN

Your most obedient humble Servant

ALEXANDER DALRYMPLE.

SHIP NEPTUNE IN MALLACCA ROADS
AUGUST 4TH. 1763.

SATURDAY AUGUST 27TH 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HY. BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Considerations relating to the detention of the consignment of Treasure recd. from the Coast. to be detained with the reasons for the detention of it.

The Board being met, consider the Necessity of detaining the Lack consigned to them from the Presidency, for the use of this Settlement they would willingly remit it to the supercargoes, at Canton, but as the contractors and other heavy Debts not paid off, the charges of the Garrison are not reduceable and that notwithstanding the appearance of a Peace, it may be the Month of February, before they can leave the place when it will be necessary also to advance Money for the Victualling the Troops an Allowance to the Officers from their Passage, they are of opinion, that they should thereby run a risque of being short of cash, which in such Case, might occasion dangerous Consequences. Resolved therefore that the money be detained, and if on the delivery up of Manilha, any should remain, if possible the Balance shall be remitted to the Supercargoes.

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Ordered that a General Letter be prepared to the Supercargoes, & that they be therein desired to order such Vessels as they cannot load to repair hither, to assist in carrying the Troops to Madras, and as the touching at Madras will not cause any great Delay, to the homeward bound ships, that they be desired also to send hither, as there will in all Probability be a great want of Conveyances for that purpose. Purport of Letter to Canton.

Agreed that Captn. Flint be directed to receive the Treasure, & send it hither by the Speedwell. Captn. Flint to receive the Treasure.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

AT A CONSULTATION FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND 1763.

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Read a second Letter from Mr. Smith requesting permission to proceed to Madras by the way of China as follows:—

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.
&C. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

I had the honor of addressing you a few days ago for your permission to proceed to China, in Consequence of the leave I was assured the Board at Madras would grant me and which you were so kind as to acquiesce in and according have been preparing myself for the purpose but our Honble Master's Ship the Hector arriving yesterday with the Preliminary Articles of a peace between our sovereign and their Catholick and Christian Majestys, by which this conquest being delivered up, the Presidency in Consequence thereof have given us orders to prepare for evacuating this place which made them think it unnecessary to send me the leave I requested as my return would follow of course; But the reasons I set forth in my last letter for desiring to go by the way of China and which the Gentlemen at Madras were not acquainted with, joined to the indifferent state of health I have had since the wet season set in, the confined Plan of our Affairs (but which were they even more extensive could be perfectly well carried on by the Gentlemen that remain here in Council) and the short time you are to stay here will altogether I persuade myself prevail on you not to retract the liberty you have already grantd me to go on the ship Sabut Jung, by which you will render me a real service that will ever be acknowledged by. Letter from Mr. Smith again requesting leave to proceed to China.

Gentlemen.

Your most Obedient humble servant

JOHN LEWIN SMITH.

MANILHA
31ST. AUGUST 1763.

The Board are convinced of the justness of Mr. Smith's Reasons, but know not how to spare his services at present, however as he so urgently presses his request and the business in future in all probability will be much lessened, and as the refusing to comply therewith may occasion great losses to him. Agreed that permission be accordingly granted to him to return to the Coast by the way of China. complied with.

— *MANILHA, SEPTEMBER 1763* —

Mr. Parsons Sea Customer pays in 4324–7–6 Sea Customs.

Mr. Henry Parsons Sea Customer pays into the Board 4324–7–6 in full of customs received from last March for the China Junks.

Mr. Goodlad appointed Garrison Storekeeper.

Mr. Henry Parsons representing that the many Employs he has requiring more Attendance than he can possibly give to them Agreed that Mr. Goodlad be appointed Garrison Storekeeper in his stead.

Macaarss Boats to import free of Customs.

As the Macassar Boats have brought but inconsiderable Cargoes the whole score amounting to 2000 Dollrs. Agreed that they be permitted to import their goods free of Customs.

Captn. Flint allowed 6 Rupees pr. day as Commandant of Cavita.

As the Castiliano ship of Cavita is vacant and the Presidency have consented to allow 5 Pags. ℔ day for that employ Agreed to grant 6 Rupees pr. day to Captn. Flint the Commandant for the Extra expences he will thereby be put to—

Read a Letter from Mr. Surgeon Gray, as follows.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr. Govr.
&c. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen,

Having had but an indifferent state of health lately, and suffered considerably in other respects, I beg Gentlemen, you will be pleased to grant me leave to return to Madras by the way of China as I presume my leaving this Garrison will be no prejudice to the service.

I am
Gentlemen,
With great respect
Your most Obedient & most humble servant

William Gray.

Manilha,
September 1st. 1763.

Mr. Gray permitted to repair to Madras by the way of China.

If Mr. Anderson can and will undertake the whole, Agreed that he be permitted to proceed to Madras by the way of China.

Read also a Petition from Mr. Infante as follows.

Honble Sir and the Council.

Petition from Mr. Infante concerning the Siam.

General Don John Infante in behalf of himself and the other Gentlemen who have a share in the Siam Ship called Guardalupe at present in the Port of Cavita humbly setts forth that he has been informed that the Castiliano of Cavita had orders to put said Ship in repair, your Petitioner begs your Worships will please to order said Castiliano not to proceed, upon account of said ships being the property of some of the Inhabitants of this city and should be free in virtue of the Capitulation as was that of Don Antonio Pignon, and Don Thomas Gaspar, Thomas De Leon, he does not in the least doubt but your worships will order Justice to be done him, and he will for ever Pray.

Don Infante de otom.

—— *MANILHA, SEPTEMBER 1763* ——

The Legality of Prizes cannot be determined in India Agreed therefore that a letter be addressed to refer him to Mr. Cornish who is the only Person that can give him Redress in these parts. referred to Admiral Cornish.

Mr. Brooke lays before the Board the following Letter.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr. Govr.
&c. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen,

The inclosed letter was intended to have been delivered to you in May last, but shortly after my writing it some symptoms of a recovery of my health gave me hopes, that my constitution could have been able to have held up against the Attacks of my disorder; in vain were those hopes, which the declining state of health I am in, but too plainly proves, and thó I have attended the Consultation Board yet nothing but the sense I had of the duty I owe the service could have given me strength to have supported myself at it, and should I relapse into my old complaint of the Negroes Agree, which periodically every season/ now approaching/ I have not been free from, and which from the similitude of the Climates I have reason to be in dread of I could not in that case expect to survive it and as we may expect since the Receipt of the Preliminary Articles that a Cessation of Arms will soon take place, and be shortly followed by a Peace, I hope you will comply with my request to take my passage by this favorable opportunity of the Sabut Jung sailing for Canton and from thence to return to the Coast by the first conveyance, and here give me leave to observe to you Gentlemen, it is a circumstance of great concern to me that obliges me thus to desire leave to quit that station, which the Gentlemen at Madras were pleased to honor me with, and that no fatigues of Mind or Body, could have prevailed upon me to do and I hope I have evinced to my superiors in every service I have been sent upon that my first care was to do my duty in that station to which they appointed me, and as I have now no other alternative left but the tryal of a change of Air in hopes of amending a constitution much impaired in the service, my request I flatter myself will carry its due weight with you, since you must acknowledge that of all blessings health is the most valuable and when lost beyond the reach of all human power to give a compensation for. Letter from Mr. Brooke requesting leave to go to China.

I am

Gentlemen with great respect

Your most Obedient and most humble sérvant

Henry Brooke.

Manilha,
August 26th. 1763.

When the Board consented as above to Mr. Smiths departure they knew not that Mr. Brooke intended likewise to apply for leave, however as he is in a very bad state of health they cannot with humanity refuse to comply with his request Agreed therefore that he also be permitted to proceed on the Sabut Jung to China.

The Governor reads the Cash Accounts for last month as entered hereafter.

Dawsonne Drake.

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The Honble Company's Cash.

To Balance brought from last months Account.	150,261	2	2	By Account Current London, advanced Don. Manual Antonio deRoxo late Govr. of Manilha for the subsistance of the Royal Spanish Officers Civil & Military for Bills or on the Royal Treasury of Madrid.	3,100	..	..
To Sea Customer received of Henry Parsons.	4,324	7	6	4 By the paymaster advanced Henry Brooke for the Charges of his Employ.	3,000	..	..
				5 By the Paymaster advanced Henry Brooke for the Charges of his Employ.	4,000	..	..
				By Richard Dodd Attorney to the Agents on account of the Captors paid him.	3,000	..	..
				By secret services	420	..	..
				By Export Ware housekeeper paid him the Ballance of his Accounts.	3,445	7	6
				By the Paymaster at Cavita advanced John Nodes for the charges of his Employ.	4,000	..	..
				By plate delivered to be coined in Rupees.	20,000	..	..
					40,965	7	6
				By Ballance carried to next months Account.	113,620	2	2
Dollars ..	154,586	1	8	Dollars ..	154,586	1	8

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ERRORS EXCEPTED.

Sailed the Honble Company's Ships Hector Captn. John Williams for China with the following letter to the Supra Cargoes there.

To THOMAS FITZHUGH ESQR.
&CA. SUPRA CARGOES OF COUNCIL AT CANTON.

GENTLEMEN,

Our last address to you was under date the 11th. of August, since when the Hector having imported, gives us an opportunity of advising you, with the approaching and agreeable prospect of a Peace Preleminaries for that purpose having been acceded to by their Britannic most Christian & Catholic Majesty's and of tendering to you likewise, our sincere and hearty congratulations on an event which as it will put an end to the terrible calamities which during the present war have been so severely felt in all parts of the world, will also we hope, ensure to our Nation all the advantages of a solid & lasting Peace.

As by the said Preliminaries all the conquests in India are to be restored, and this Garrison of course to return to Madras should any ships remain at Canton for which you cannot provide Cargoes, We request you will order them here, to assist us in transporting the Troops thither, nay, as we shall be greatly distressed for want of Conveyances, we intreat you to order, even all such as you may load and dispatch early, to touch here as the delay occasioned thereby to their voyage to Europe will not by any means render it precarious, or make any material difference therein.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient servt.

MANILHA,
SEPTEMBER 5TH. 1763.

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

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Arrived the Honble Company's Ship London from Fort St. George.

AT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY SEPTR. 8TH

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

The Packet received by the London being opened is found to contain only Dups. of that ℔ Hector.

Read the following letters from the Officers of the Garrison from Mr. John Nodes Paymaster at Cavita from Captain Peighen of His Majesty's Seaford and Mr. Corrigidor Kennedy.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

representation from the Officers in Garrison again requesting an Allowance of half Batta.

We beg leave to address you, in consequence of being informed that you have received an Answer from the Gentlemen of Madras, respecting an Application presented by us unto you some time ago for half Batta, sorry are we to find it so disfavorable, however, the disappointment we impute, to their being ignorant of our distress otherwise we flatter ourselves, they will not exempt us from an Indulgence of the kind usually allowed by them in other places, where necessary's of Life, are not to be obtained at a reasonable rate, and we still, conceive, were they are fully convinced as you are of the particulars of the distresses and disagreeable circumstances, we have laboured under, not to be equalled in India, or perhaps to say more in any part of his Majesty's dominions that they would not without an eye of compassion behold the remains of Corps, which have for 6, 7, 8 and 9 years with the greatest zeal, exerted themselves most part of the time in real service be involved in such shameful circumstances, that will eternally reflect Dishonour, on all Officers of honest hearts who have until their unhappy arrival, on this Island supported themselves uprightly, with justice and Credit in their Dignity.

Gentlemen, the Pay of an Officer is well known to be but merely sufficient to enable him to live and appear as such, and when in Garrison on the Coast, is obliged to observe the strictest Rules of Ecconomy, to make it answer If so Pray consider, to what a miserable situation, must we be reduced to, here when obliged to pay Boundless prices for things, which would appear incredible to them there, or fabulous elsewhere.

It is in you Gentlemen that are present Witnesses of our Affliction in you we confide, and from you we hope to be redress'd; We have from the commencement of the Government struggled with various Inquietudes. To enumerate them will be unnecessary, as you have experienced them in some Measure daily yourselves.

The whole state of our Grievances, which we so sensibly feel, we refer to your very serious consideration; flattering ourselves thereby, that you will be so indulgent, as to grant us the half Batta as requested before from our former application.

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Humble servants

MANILHA,
SEPTR. 4TH 1763.

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To Dawsonne Drake Esq^{R}. Gov^{R}.

Sir,

Letter from Mr. Nodes recommends the taking into Pay part of the workmen at Cavita.

Since I wrote to you of yesterdays date the Phillipina and Quarter Galley are come in, Captain Mathews acquaints me the sloop is so leaky that it would not be advisable to have her laden unless she is Corked, but that cannot be done as there is no dammer to be procured.

There remains about 50 Workmen belonging to the Dockyard which have been employed by Capt^{n}. Brereton in making Oars for the Vessels & repairing the Schooner whether it will be proper to discharge them at this Crisis, I am at a Loss to determine, For should the service of the Company require their assistance after they are discharged I believe it will be a difficult matter to procure them again. Capt^{n}. Brereton will, in all probability engage as many as he can for repairing the Siam and should our necessity be ever so urgent, we can have no reason to hope for his assistance I am informed likewise that Letters have been sent to the Clergy of this Place to assure those People but in particular the Marine Workmen who shall yield any Assistance to the English, shall suffer for it with their Lives after we are gone from the Island.

I take this Opportunity of observing to you that as I am appointed to administer Justice to the Inhabitants, It is necessary there be an Allowance made to those People whom I must employ to assist me in that Office since Gaming is oppressed there is no more that Fund remaining which always paid the Officer of Justice & his People There cannot be employed less than a Linguist, Writer & twelve Ministers or Constables which serve on all ocassions as Guards, Messengers or Instruments of correction & which have always been entertained in that service.

I am with much respect

Sir

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

John Nodes.

Cavita
7th Sept^{R}. 1763.

To Dawsonne Drake Esq^{R}. Gov^{R}.
&^{CA}. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen

Letter from Capt^{n}. Peighen of H.ms Seaford. complaining of his former Application being neglected.

On the 7th of August, I wrote to you inclosing two Letters for your Persual, requesting an Answer thereto, to which, having had no reply in so long a time, gives me reason to suspect you capable of acting in so rude a manner as not to answer it at all, which I am told is become a common Practice with you, particularly since you laid asside that respect due to His Majesty's Officers, As I have given you no cause for such an unmannerly proceeding, I should think it can be no otherwise meant, than as an Insult to His Majesty's Commission which if you dont Apologize for you must expect to be treated with that contempt so rude, and ungentlemenlike a behaviour deserves.

As to what a certain Person (who you placed here for reasons which are now to all notorious communicated to you, as said in private Conversation) which the betraying of, was ever looked upon among Gentlemen in the highest degree Criminal As that of not replying to a Gentlemans request, is deemed rude & Impertinent I treat with the contempt, I always do a common Liar, And to tell you, that, that very same Person (whose information you have so particularly attended to, & given as a Pretence for what you have done which none

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in the character of Gentlemen, ever did before) has given himself the most licentious, and unrestrained freedoms with your Characters, whose names, I am confident, were never mentioned in his Company, but when he professing himself a mimick began with ridiculing you, and taking several of you off, which he took pains to make us believe he displayed to the Life for my Part, I did not then know any of you enough to form an opinion of his Abilities that way, or of his sentiments in regard to you.

If any of you should so far believe that Sycophant, as to credit any story he may have told you in regard to me, you need never be at a Loss at meeting me, accoutred as a Gentleman, in order to your knowing me to be one, in every sense of the word.

I am not at all sorry that I shall not be under the Necessity of thanking the East India Company on my return to England for those convèniences which it is their General order to all their servants in this part of the World to accommodate the Captns. of the Kings ships with, and that they be particularly careful in showing all proper respect to them, by saluting not only His Majestys Flag, which they have the Honor to display and to be distinguished by, but their Persons and otherwise which I may venture to affirm has been paid little regard to by you of which they probably will be acquainted in due time.

I am

Your humble Servant

JOHN PEIGHIN.

P.S.—The Gentleman who had the care of my Letter to you, informs me he delivered it into Mr. Drake's hand.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Letter from Mr. Kennedy representing some Losses he had sustained & requesting some Allowance in consideration thereof.

I humbly beg leave to put you in mind that since you Hond. and confer'd on me the Employment of Corregidor of the Province of Tondo, and the Parian, I humbly conceive I need not enumerate my services to the Honble Company as your Honors have been Eye witnesses of my Diligence Activity and Zeal, and I can with satisfaction say that through my Care I have saved the Honble Company many thousands of Dollars, And without making any sort of Charge either for myself, or the many Dependants on said Employment to said Honble Company.

I know Gentlemen and gratefully acknowledge your considerations for Honoring me with said Employment your first care was to know whether I was a proper Person and Qualified for such a Trust, your next was with a view to Relieve me and Family after the Losses I sustained by the capture of this Place, I hope your Honors have not in the least been mistaken in the first consideration And I assure your Honors the second has not been as suppos'd not withstanding your good inclinations (to recompence the fatigues) I have gone through in the service which near cost me my Life by mere Toyl, as well as being in a continual Risque of it by the stratagems of the Enemy who diligently sought after it.

Therefore Gentlemen as the other Considerations have not had the desired effect, for truly I have had many extraordinary Expences to the Employment and can truly assure your Honors also that in the continual Hurry, and confusion of things by the Enemys Proximity at the time I dispatch'd the Expeditions, many Articles slipp'd my memory to my Prejudice, as I could not discharge them, besides in the time of my Illness through mere fatigue I had the

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Misfortune to lose a sheet of Memorandums in which many Articles were likewise lost in the same manner to my great Loss, as may appear to your Honors by one circumstance in the Article of Boats, for it is notorious to every Gentlemen that went on the Expedition to Bulacan as well as to those who did not that upwards of 50 Boats went on that Expedition but it has appeared to your Honors by my Account I charg'd for but 32. Althó its true that several of said Boats soon fled the service, & never return'd yet many of them did, which I paid, but could not charge it through said Loss, which I compute to 500 Dollars at least.

Upon what I have above said Gentlemen I apply to your Honors, and hope you will think me worthy of some Gratification from the Honble Company, who I have so zealously & faithfully serv'd.

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient & most humble servant

JAMES KENNEDY.

MANILHA,
SEPTEMBER 5TH. 1763.

Reasons for granting the officers in Garrison half Batta.

As Circumstances are greatly varied since the former Representation of the officers in the month of January last, which was refered to Madras, Provisions being now scarcely procurable even at very extravagant Prices and the Difficulties they then labored under, having daily increased in every respect, their pay of course is insufficient to support them as Officers: Agreed therefore to grant to the subalterms during the present scarcity an Allowance of 20 Dollrs. per month instead of half Batta, which the Board have the rather been induced to, from a sense of the services they have rendered the Honble Company on the Coast of Coromandal during the present War the regiment having on every occasion distinguished itself.

The London to be forthwith prepared [*sic*].

Ordered that the London be forthwith repaired, of course, part of the Workmen concerning whom Mr. Nodes writes may be entertained.

Ordered also that the Sloop be immediately caulked and that Mr. Nodes be directed to remove the Marines belonging to her on Board the Phillipina the Command of which for the present is to be given to Mr. Ogilvy.

Purport of an Answer to Captn. Peighins Letter.

The Board were of Opinion that ordering their Paymaster at Cavita to pay Captn. Peighin the Allowances granted to him would be a sufficient reply to his former letter Had he presented his Bill a second time he would have saved himself the Trouble of his Address which they cannot help observing is very unworthy their Notice.

Purport of a reply to Mr. Kennedys Letter.

Ordered that the Secretary do acknowledge the rent [*sic*] of Mr. Kennedy's Letter and acquaint him that altho' without vouchers it is not possible to make any Allowance for the Loss he represents to have sustained if he will procure Certificate from the Commanding Officer of the Number of Boats employed on the Bulacan Expedition the difference which remains unpaid for shall be made up to him and that being sensible of the Deligence and Assiduity with which he has attended to his Employ they will recommend his case to the President and Council of Fort St. George when he proceeds thither.

Siams Guns not to be purchased on the Companys Accounut.

As in all Probability Manilha will shortly be restored to the Spaniards there will be no occasion for a greater number of Cannon than are at present in Garrison Agreed therefore that Mr. Dodd be acquainted that it will not [be] convenient for the Company to purchase the Siam's Guns.

Read also the following Letter from Captn. Bishop.

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GENTLEMEN

I am at a Loss in what manner to address you but what I would beg leave to lay before you at this time, is the Hardship I laboured under when I had the Honor of Commanding the Troops in Cavita of not being allowed the same Assistance which I am informed is granted to Captn. Flint, I do assure you, Gentlemen putting aside all extraordinary expences that which I was absolutely obliged to be at, my Pay would not answer, I therefore flatter myself Gentlemen you will make the same allowance to me who am

Letter from Captn. Bishop requesting an Allowance of 6 Rups. ℔ Day.

Gentlemen
With the greatest Respect
Your most obedient, Humble servant
RICHARD BISHOP.

CAVITA
AUGUST 4TH. 1763.

The President & Council of Fort St. George have been pleased to grant Captn. Brereton an Allowance of 5 Pags. Per Day for the time he acted as Castiliano which is to be in consideration of all extraordinary Expences. They cannot therefore give the Castiliano & Commandant seperate Allowances for a Table but with regard to Captain Flint the same objection does not subsist as the former Part is vacant ordered that a Letter to the above effect be proposed to Captn. Bishop.

Reasons for not Complying therewith.

Mr. Henry Parsons Military Storekeeper presents a Bill for sundry Tools purchased by Cooper Lawler for the use of his Employ amounting to Dollrs. 25–4 which is ordered to be paid.

Bill for Coopers Tools.

The Paymaster lays before the Board a Bill for seapoy Colors purchased 20 Dollrs. which is likewise ordered to be discharged.

another for seapoys Colors passed.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Dispatch'd Letters to Captn. Peighin of His Majesty's Ship Seaford, & Mr. John Nodes Paymaster at Cavita as follow.

SEPTEMR. 9TH.

TO JOHN PEIGHIN ESQR.
COMMANDING HIS MAJESTYS SHIP SEAFORD.

Sir

In answer to your Letter of the 7th. Instant we think proper to inform you that we had already given orders to the Paymaster to discharge your Bill which we thought a sufficient reply to your Letter had you again presented it you would have saved yourself, & us the Trouble of your Address which in general we must observe is very unworthy our Notice and are

Sir

Your most obedient humble servt.

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

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To Mr. John Nodes.

Sir

Your Letter to the Govr. has been received the Arrival of the London will render it necessary to entertain some of the Workmen lately employed she must be compleatly repaired and as soon as possible.

The Cavita Galley is likewise to be repaired with the utmost Expedition as is also the Sloop Pasig and in general every vessel belonging to the Company, as we have reason to think their services will be required, when the Troops are to return to the Coast, which we imagine will shortly be the case in these works we must recommend to you the utmost Ecconomy and it may not be amiss to observe that unless carefully attended to Malay workmen are generally negligent and Idle.

The Crew of the Sloop is to be removed to the Phillipino and the Command given to Captn. Mathews.

If the Brig. can proceed to Sea Captain Flint has our Directions to furnish the Captn. with a few seapoys.

You are to acquaint us what the wages of the Constables &ca. amount to, but we must observe that the Corregidor of the Parian has only 12 for the whole Province of Tondo.

Mr. Ellis to be paid 30 Dollrs. Pr. Month while employed as superintending the yard the remainder 1 Rupee ℔ day.

We desire you will inform Captn. Peighin that you have directions to pay him the Allowances he mentions in his Letters to us and accordingly discharge them.

We request also you will acquaint us what the Expence of repairing each vessel will amount to and We are

Sir

Your most Obedt. servts.

Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Council.

Manilha
9th. September 1763.

Monday Septr. 12th.

At a Consultation

Present

Dawsonne Drake Esqr. Deputy Govr. President.
John Lewin Smith. Henry Parsons.
Henry Brooke. William Stevenson.

Bills for stores furnished the vessels passed.

Mr. Lewin Smith Marine Paymaster lays before the Board the following Bills for Stores furnished by the Agent for the Captons for the different Vessels at Cavita.

Falmouth Schooner	84	2	5
Black Boat	33	2	0
Pasig Sloop	44	7	6
Phillippino	1107	5	7

which are accordingly pass'd.

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Mr. Dodd, Agent for the Captors representing the urgent necessity he is in for Money and requesting a farther Advance of 7000 Dollrs. on Account of Stores furnished to the Company Ordered that it be issued to him.

Mr. Dodd requests a further advance of 7000 Dollars granted.

Ordered that in future the Master of every Vessel do in indent for such stores as he may have occasion for to the Storekeeper at Cavita.

Master of every vessel in future to indent to the Storekeeper for such Stores as may be wanting.

The Sabut Jung Country ship being under Dispatch for China ordered that a General letter to the Court of Directors be prepared in order to be forwarded by that way.

General Letter to Europe to be prepared.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

AT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTR.

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

The Paymaster Accounts for last Month read to the Board and passed.

Paymaster August passed.

Ordered that the Paymaster demand from Major Fell the amount of cash advanced to Lieut. Turner his Aid-de-camp as the President & Council of Fort St. George have not been pleased to allow him one agreable to his request.

Paymaster to apply to Major Fell for the advances made to St. Turner his Aid de Camp.

The Paymaster delivers into the Board all his vouchers from September 23d. 1762 to ult. of August.

The Paymaster delivers in his vouchers.

Mr. Lewin Smith the Marine Paymr. lays before the Board his accounts which are read & passed.

The Marine Paymasters Accounts passed.

Mr. Lewin Smith the Accountant represents to the Board that the reason of his not being able to finish the General Books for last year is entirely owing to the Irregularity of the Cavita Accounts.

Mr. Smith the Accountant gives his reasons for the general Books not being yet finished.

Ordered that Mr. Nodes be directed to send in all his Accounts.

Mr. Nodes to send in all his Accounts.

Mr. Barnewell delivers in a Bill for Arrack supplyd to the Company amounting to —— Dollrs. which is ordered to be paid.

Bill for Batavia Arrack sold to the Company delivered in to be paid.

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Mr. Barnewell applys to the Board for the Payment of the 12000 Dollrs. lent the Comps. to be paid.

Mr. Francis Barnewall having apply'd the Board for the 12000 S. Ds. lent by him to the Company and 4000 having been disbursed at Cavita ordered that the whole be repaid and that for the sum expended an Allowance be made /agreeable to promise/ of the difference between Dollrs. and Rups. being 7½ per Cent.

9000 Dollars to be advanced to the Garrison Storekeeper.

Agreed that the sum of 9000 Dollrs. be advanced to the Gr. Storekeeper to enable him to discharge the Bill for the Arrack.

Military Storekeeper lays before the Board Bill from the Agent for the Captors for stores supplyed the Garrison of Manilha.

Mr. Parsons lays before the Board Bill from the Agent for the Captors for stores supply'd the Garrison of Manilha from 1st. January to 31st. August amounting to 1089–4 which are accordingly passed.

The Corregidor to procure a List of the Chinese that are willing to proceed to the West Coast of Sumatra.

Many of the Chinese being willing to proceed to settle at the West Coast ordered that the Corregidor do procure a List of such that Conveyances may be provided for them.

Mr. Parsons appointed Accountant Mr. Wm. Stevenson Export ware house keeper &Mr. Quintin Crauford Paymaster.

The Offices that will be vacant on the Departure of Messrs. Smith and Brooke are now filled up as follow.

Accountant	Mr. Henry Parsons.
Marine Paymaster and Export Warehouser.	Mr. Stevenson.

Paymaster of Manilha Mr. Quintin Crawford.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

MONDAY 18TH SEPTR. 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

The Board request Messrs. Smith & Brooke to recall their Letters for leave to proceed to Canton.

The Board represent to Messrs. Smith and Brooke that Mr. Anda having refused to conform to the suspension of Arms the Situation of Affairs is as precarious now as ever and as their Experience in the Companys Business must render their services essential they wish they could not avail themselves of the liberty granted to them.

Mr. Smiths reasons for repeating his former request.

In Answer to the above Mr. Smith with great Concern observes the desire the Board Express for his withdrawing his late Application to go to China and remaining here some time longer with them, as nothing but the pressing motives for his going could prevent his readily concurring in a proposal that

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does him so much honor, but which he flatters himself will appear fully satisfactory when he has pointed them out as well as the little inconvenience his going at this Juncture can probably occasion to the service, and therefore persuades himself that the Board will not be displeased at his availing himself of the leave they have granted him for the following reason 1st. he begs leave to refer the Board to their Consultations in February last wherein they will find an application was made from him, even so long ago as December last, to return to the Coast, on account of his Health, & which the Board was so kind to acquiesce in neverthless soon after Messrs. Russel & Johnsons bad state of health obliging them to go away and thinking at that time if he went away also there would be only Mr. Brooke left of the Civil Council who with the Govr. would not be sufficient to compose a Board, he therefore withdrew his application & resolved to stay solely on this Account, as will appear by his letter to the Board of the 20th. Feby. in which he sets forth that the above reasons only had induced him to stay till he could be relieved of at the same time desired the Board to represent his request and intentions to the Govr. & Council at Madras to be relieved by the first ship in order to go away before the rainy season sets in & which would only be by the way of China, and which they were then so well convinced of the reasonableness of, that they accordingly did recommend his request to that Board in their General Letter that went with the Fleet & which although there has not yet been a publick reply made thereto, he has nevertheless had assurances from the Governor & other Gentlemen of that Board that his request will be complied with, but which he supposes the news of the Cessation of Arms and the Daily expectation they were in of receiving an Account of the Conclusion of the Peace in consequence of which they have actually given Orders to prepare for evacuating this Place, has occasioned them to defer, as we should all of course then return, he therefore observes it can only probably anticipate his Departure a few months and in the short Interval Notwithstanding our sanguine hopes of the cession of Arms taking place are disappointed, yet our Measures are nevertheless so confind thereby as well as by the orders from our superiors at Madras that there can be little more to do than to maintain this City & Cavita & which as a full Military Council will remain here whose advice and Assistance will be chiefly necessary in this case & likewise Messrs. Parsons & Stevenson to form a Civil Council/the only obstacle to his going before in February thereby removed/ & consequently a sufficient Number to fill and Manage each Department & that he has likewise good Grounds to believe that should any unforseen accident prevent the News of the Peace arriving time enough to be dispatched here this year, that some Person will be sent from Madras to supply his Place.

It begs leave further to remark that if the Board thought his former request reasonable & therefore consented to it how much more so must they now, for the same reasons subsist and are inforced by the considerable losses he has met with since in his private Fortune, and the Confusion his Affairs are in at Madras by his Attorney being appointed Chief at Vizagapatam, which are Facts so well known that he doubts not but it will have its due weight, especially too when they reflect on the unavoidable inconveniences it must cause him to stay now after great part of his Effects are already embarked and all his other Measures taken for immediately following them.

Thus he hopes he has made it appear to the Board, the almost absolute necessity he is now under of going in a great measure obviate every objection against it and evinced his zeal for his Honble Masters service by his former readiness to stay & sacrifice his private Interest to the publick good, and even now by defering this application to almost the last opportunity that may offer of going to China otherwise he should not have hesitated a mount [*sic*] yielding to the representation of the Board.

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Mr. Brooke also gives reasons to the same effect which he will deliver in writing their former leave confirmed.

Mr. Henry Brooke urging reasons to the same Effect as the beforegoing, which he will deliver in writing—The Board altho with reluctance confirm their former Permission.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

SEPTEMBER 20TH 1763.

Arrived the Honble Companys Ship Hawke Captn. John Cotten from Fort St. George.

THURSDAY 21ST SEPTR.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

General letter to the Court of Directors.

Read and Signed General letter to the Court of Directors to be forwarded via Canton.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
JOHN LEWIN SMITH. HENRY BROOKE.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

General Letter from the Presidency Read

Read General Letters from the Presidency received Pr. Hawke.

Reasons for detaining a farther sum of 96000 Rups.

The above Letters leave the Board entirely at a Loss with regard to the time of their removal from hence, the season grows late and as the Definitive Treaty had not been received at Madras it is not impossible but the Garrison may be detained here another season By the squadron in March last the Board represented to the Presidency in the most urgent manner the very heavy Expences of the Garrison, acquainted them with the state of the Treasury and requested of them an Assistance of 6 Lacks of Rupees which Paymasters Accounts might readily prove was the least that could be sent for 1 year, notwithstanding they only remitted one hundred thousand Rupees If orders should not be received for the removal of the Garrison this season the cash in stock at present would not suffice for more than the Month of March at farthest and the Governor and Council cannot send any supplies untill the Month of June agreed therefore that 12 chests of Treasure be detained from the Hawke and if orders should be hereafter received for the restitution of Manilha &ca. the said money with any farther sum that can spared if possible shall be forwarded to Chinna.

Purport of a Letter to Canton.

Ordered that a Letter be prepared to the Supra cargoes again to request of them to order all the ships they conveniently can to touch here in their homeward bound Passage to assist in returning the Troops to Madras or if orders for that Purpose be not received to carry the Chinese to the Coast of Sumatra.

Sago & Pearl shells to be shipped on board the Hawke.

Ordered that the Sago and Pearl shells received from Xolo pr. St. Ana be shipped on board the Hawke and that she be forthwith dispatched.

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Miguel Onquerson the Arrack Farmer having long since represented to the Board, that Mr. Andas Commissaries had so effectually stopped the Communication between Manilha and the provinces of Pampanga & Bulacan from whence the Arrack and Beetle Nut are chiefly procured those Articles were not purchaseable except at very high price and in consequence requested an Abatement of part of the sum he engaged to pay for the said farms, the Board are convinced of the justness, of this representation, the Price of provisions in general having considerably increased, are of opinion, that the advantages arising from his contract fall far short of what he bound himself to pay. Agreed therefore that a monthly Abatement be made of 541⅔ Dollars in consideration of the Losses he has sustained by the Troubles of Ye. country.

An Abatement made in the Arrack farmers Cowle in consideration of the unsettled state of the Country.

Agreed that the country Arrack delivered in by the Contractors be sold off at 2–6– pr. Jarr.

£ sh.

Country Arrack on shore to be sold off.

Resolved that Messrs. Stevenson and Francis Jourdan be appointed with Mr. Corregidor Kennedy to act a Committee, for removing such Chinese as are willing to go to the West Coast of Sumatra.

Messrs. Stevenson Jourdan & Kennedy to act as a Committee for removing the Chinese to the West Coast.

Read the following Letters from Mr. John Nodes Paymaster at Cavita and Lt. Iggeldin inclosing one from Mr. Pergeon Price.

To the worshipfull Dawsonne Drake Esqr. Governor &ca. in Council of Manilha.

GENTLEMEN

The Person who has the administration of Justice at this Place /which the Spanish distinguish by the name of Justice Major/ has always had a certain number of People deputed under him, to enable him to discharge the Duty of his Employ consisting commonly of a Writer, Interpreter and twelve ministers, besides, others, without which it is impossible to transact the Business of that Post, where there are so many Inhabitants The Gaming houses and Arrack Houses being now abolished, and the advantages which accrued therefrom having been always made use of the Pay the Justice Major and his Attendants, it is necessary you settle a proper Allowance for that purpose.

Letter from Mr. Nodes Paymaster at Cavita.

I must also observe to you Gentlemen, that the house I at present inhabit, is much too small for the Business of my respective employs and where to find another I cannot tell, to oblige any of the Inhabitants to quit their houses, would be only giving cause for Complaints which the Justice Major above all others should endeavour to prevent, so that I must in this Case, make my application to you Gentlemen, since Captain Brereton is resolved to defend his house, but I hope /if I should be obliged to give up that Point,/ the Company's furniture will not be permitted him at any Rate.

The Sergeant of Artillery, whom you appointed as Assistant Storekeeper or Commissary, Lieutt. Pitts has deprived me of, by giving him orders not to assist me in any shape he has resigned me the keys of all the magazines, and refuses to deliver up the Lascars which he keeps at his own house, being almost one third of the number allowed for this Garrison.

I am
With due respect
GENTLEMEN,
Your most obedient most humble servant
JOHN NODES.

CAVITA
SEPTR. 14TH. 1763.

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To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.
&CA. IN COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

Second Letter from Mr. Nodes inclosing List of People necessary to him in the administration of Justice.

I have recd. your's and shall proceed to fit out all the vessels, with the utmost Expedition.

I know of none but the Sloop that at present wants any Repairs, as for the rest they are ready to proceed to sea whenever they are wanted—The Speedwell may in all probability want heaving down when she returns I have given orders to heave down the sloop and untill we see in what Condition her Bottom is, it will be impossible for me to give you an Estimate of the expence.

It may not have occurred to you Gentlemen that the Cavita Galley is a Vessel quite unfit and really incapable of making a Voyage to Madras, and unless you transform her with a Sloop Snow or Brig, I believe you will find her of very little service, as a vessel of her Construction cannot venture out into dangerous seas, neither is she /in her present form/ of any Burden to be serviceable.

Agreeable to your Desire I inclose an Account of the wages paid to the Constables and Attendants of the Corregidor or Justice Major most of which are at present chiefly employed to prevent Arrack being brought into the Fort to take up all Rioters in or with out the Fort, and to seize upon all keepers of Gaming houses or Entertainment &ca. as for the Linguist and writer I think I shall have more occasion for them, that Capt. Brereton ever had and without which I cannot take upon myself to discharge the Duty of that Employ.

I should be glad to know what Allowance you think proper to make the Person you have allowed me to attend the Water Side to search the Vessels that come in such as Sampans &ca.

I am
With due respect
Gentlemen
Your most obt. humbe. Sert.
JOHN NODES.

CAVITA
SEPTR. 19TH. 1793.

Charges of Attendants and Ministers belonging to the Justice Major.

12 ministers at 3 Dollars pr. month	36	Dollrs.
A Jail keeper at 8 Ds.	8	
Rent of the Jail 8	8	
A writer	15	
A Linguist or Interpreter	15	
Dollrs. ...	82	
The Justice Major ...	50	
Dollrs. ...	132	

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The above are the Charges attending on the administration of Justice in the time of the Spaniards, and continued by Admiral Cornish and his successors all which were supplied out of the Gaming fund which amounted to near 200 Dollars.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.
&CA. IN COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN,

The inclosed I recd. from Mr. Pryce Surgeon of Admiral Cornish's ship who requests me to receive from you 260 Dollars, five reals on account of the hospital at this Place.

Letter from Mr. Iggledon inclosing one from Mr. Surgeon Pryce concerning Seapoys he attended during his residence at Cavita.

As I cannot leave my duty on board to come to Manilha, I shall take it as a particular favor if you will please to order Mr. Nodes to pay it to me here.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedt. & most humble servt.
EDWARD IGGELDON.

CAVITA
23D. SEPTR. 1763.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
GOVERNOR OF MANILHA.

Sir

As I had not time to settle the Accts. with you for the Seapoys taken into the Hospital at Cavita I took an opportunity of laying the account before the President and Council at Madras, in answer was informed they can by no means discharge the same, by reason of the irregularity it would occasion in the Books, I have requested the favor of Mr. Edwd. Iggeldon Lieut. of the Falmouth, to receive the sum delivered before I left Cavita agreeable to the accounts delivered, I hope, sir you can have no objection my motive for receiving them was an act of Charity, should otherwise been glad to have saved myself the trouble, being at that time much fatigued with Business, in the hospital it was the Admirals desire as well as the Commanding Officer of the seapoys, being a useful body of men, it would have been an Act of great Cruelty to have refused them the Charge is 3 Reals per Diem, it comes to six hundred and ninety five Days for 1 man which makes two hundred and sixty Dollars and 5 Reals.

I am
Sir
Your most humble servt.
WILLIAM PRYCE.

MADRAS
17TH. JULY 1763.

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Ordered in consequence of Mr. Nodes's representation, that Captain Mathews late of the St. Ann be desired to survey the sloop, and that an Estimate of the Expence of altering the Cavita Galley be prepared.

Agreed that a Linguist and 8 Constables be allowed to Mr. Nodes as Justice Major.

Mr. Nodes to inquire whether any rents were collected in the Parian at Cavita during the

Ordered that Mr. Nodes enquire whether any rents have heretofore been recd. in the Parian at Cavita and if it has been customary that the Amount thereof be applyed to the Disbursements of the officers of Justice.

said Govt. that in such case it might be applyd to paying the Constables &ca. Mr. Pryce's Bill for attending seapoys to be paid at the rate of 1 Real ℔ seapoy.

As there was formerly a Goal at Cavita the Board cannot consent to pay any rent for one.

Resolved that the person employed by Mr. Nodes to attend the Sea Gate be for the present discharged.

Agreed that Mr. Pryce be paid at the rate of 1 Real ℔ day for the sick during his stay at Cavita.

As the Arrack farmer losses greatly by not being allowed to dispose of that Article in the Jurisdiction of Cavita as formerly, Agreed that he be permitted to vend it without the Walls of Cavita.

Arrack to be permitted to be sold at Cavita without the walls 500 Dollrs. to be allowed to the king of Xolo in consideration of the losses sustained by him by the sinking of the Xolo boat

Assistants & servts. granted to the Sea Customers

Allowance to Mr. Orelly as interpreter of the Choultry Court.

The King of Xolo having formerly acquainted the Board of the great losses he had sustained by the sinking of the Boat in June last, the state of the Company's treasury having at that time been very low they promised to make him some Consideration, therefore he now repeating his former request leaving it entirely to their Decision, Agreed that the sum of 500 Dollars be paid to him as a consideration for the said Losses.

Agreed that a Spanish writer & Conicopoly and two Peons be allowed to the Sea Customers employ.

Resolved that Mr. Riley interpreter to the Choultry Court be allowed the monthly salary of 30 Dollrs.

Signed the following Bills of Exchange on the President and Council of Fort St. George.

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To whom payable	when	of whom value rec^{d}.	rate of Exchs.	Am$_{t}$. AM$_{T}$	D	P
To Captain Ghott	30 days after sight	.. ..		—	—	—
George Scott	15½ %	10 Ps.		7,362	—	—
To Francis Barnwell	Do.	E Barnwelldo		2,937	—	—

Mr. Brooke lays before the Board his reasons for availing himself of the permission they had granted him, which is accordingly read, as follows.

Mr. Brookes reasons for availing himself of the Permission of the Board.

To Dawsonne Drake Esq^{r}. Gov^{r}.
&c^{a}. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen

The time allowed me to reply to the extract Minutes of last Consultation relating to my Departure from hence, is so extremely short, that I hope, it will plead my Apology for not being so full on this occasion as otherwise I might be.

If we were to judge of things by appearances only, there is some reason to apprehend Mr. Anda and his Adherents by their last Answer not much inclined to pacifick measures, private interest ambitious Views, and the dread of falling under the Archbishop whom they have most grossly slandered in their writing may be inducements to this Conduct, but it cannot be imagined that they will deliberately continue to act in a hostile manner contrary to the Preliminaries authentically signed by the Ministers of their three Majestys, The King's Treasure at our coming here, was not considerable, and must be now nearly if not entirely exhausted, the malcontents cannot then flatter themselves to be supported by the individuals of their nation whose private property they are wasting in supporting troops against the express Commands of their Sovereign Viz^{t}. to live in peace and forget what is past—It cannot be imgained that a whole Commonwealth to gratify the ambitious Views of one man, will sacrifice their allegiance to their Monarch at the risk of their lives, and loss of their Fortunes: The Genius of these people delight in litigation and subterfuges, and never chuse to close any thing decisive. Their reason for this Conduct at this Period is conspicuous, least we should demand the competition of the 4 millions from the Philipino's Treasure now in their Possession, which should it be settled by Bills, it will then fall on the Court of Spain, and not on its subjects at Manilha—The Acaputca Trade, the principal support of this Place, by this their hostile Conduct, must be prevented which will always be in our Power to do while we are superior at sea what then can follow such unhappy measures but inevitable Ruin. They cannot sure be so blind as to persist in them. But let us suppose they do, what have we to apprehend fr^{m}. their utmost Military Efforts, but the inconvenience of their intercepting some fresh provisions from the adjacent Villages, which will be felt more sensibly by the inhabitants, than by the Garrison already stock'd with Provisions for some months, and while we keep open our Communication with the sea, and inland with the leguna it is morally impracticable for them to form a Blockade, with any probability of effecting anything decisive, and which we are in possession of Pasig, and will be only at the expence of a Couple of Row Boats arm'd by way of Escorts to Country Batons upon the River, we cannot fail of having an inexhaustible source of Provisions, and the extensive Environs and Villages upon it, and should they form a siege what have to apprehend from an Enemy provided very indifferently with Artillery having few; but such as were lately cast at Pampangos & and will not stand the Proof as has lately been experienced at Misilun, will they then attempt it with the snows of the Indians in every Military care the same members will assist a Consultations after our departure as did before it, upon whom the principal Burthen for the defence of this Place will

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of course fall; Our last Advices from Madras circumscribe us. We cannot act offensively; little therefore is to be attempted by us in a Military way, and in the Civil We can form no extensive views of commerce, since our expectations of a Peace are so strong that we are even ordered to make preparations for our return and deliver up the Place; should war be continued, the Gentlemen at Madras will not fail of sending us Reinforcements since the Honor of our Nation and Monarch is considered in it, they will not fail neither in supplying the Places of Messrs. Russell and Johnson Mr. Smith has given us to understand he will be relieved, and I myself am not destitute of hopes that the same indulgence will be granted me, what then can be the difference to the service by anticipating our Departure perhaps for a few days as we hourly hope for the arrival of our ship, and I do assure you Gentlemen were I sensible of any I would forego all and every consideration upon Earth, rather than be thought to abandon that cause I have been bent upon to maintain, and I cannot let slip the opportunity of expressing the sense I have of the Honor you have been pleased to do Mr. Smith & myself, when you think our services may be essential to the service and, which I can only attribute to your favourable opinion of us rather than that any prejudice can arise to the service by our absence, and I am persuaded that in every circumstance of Peace or War for the reasons already mentioned you will find no material objection to alter your former Opinion or my Liberty to go by this opportunity, especially when I acquaint you that I was the first Person who obtained the Governors permission to return but sacrificed that for the same reason for Mr. Russell's health as I did afterwards for the same reason for Mr. Johnson I even postponed my third one of the 20th. of May in hopes of amending my constitution, but as I can find no relief by my remaining here, I flatter myself you will have no objection to my attempting it by a change of Air at Canton in hopes of which and the just sense I have of the Permission already granted me.

I subscribe myself

Gentlemen

With perfect respect

Your most obedient & humble servant

HENRY BROOKE.

MANILHA
THE 19TH, SEPTEMBER.

Messrs. Smith and Brooke intending to go on board this Evening take their leaves of the Board with sincere Wishes for their success in the Administration of the Company's Affairs.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

SEPTEMR. 26TH. Sailed the Sabut Jung Captn. George for Canton.

29TH. Sent the following Letter to Mr. John Nodes Paymaster at Cavita.

— *MANILHA, SEPTEMBER 1763* —

To Mr. John Nodes
Paymaster at Cavita.

Sir

Your Letters of the 14th. and 19th. have been received.

With respect to the Constables you represent to be necessary, we must repeat that you desire more than are requisite for the Province of Tondo, we therefore can allow no more than 8.

There must formerly have been a Gaol at Cavita, we are consequently surprized at your informing us that the Rent of the Gaol is 8 Dollrs. This cannot be admitted of.

We consent to allow you a Linguist but we think he may easily do the Duties of the Writer you also request.

As these will be charges we have not yet been accustomed to, you will enquire what rents have been usually paid in the Parian during the Spanish said Government, and with the Amount defray them, as the custom is in the Parian at Manilha, your Allowances as Paymaster are very handsome we therefore cannot think of making any addition to them for your acting as Justice major. The person attending the Sea Gate may be discharged.

You will apply to Mr. Mathews for his Advice concerning the Alterations proper and report the same to the Governor and Council all the Galleys at Cavita belonging to the Company are to be repaired.

Enclosed is an account of Tools left in the yard by Admiral Cornish and purchased of him which you will please to acknowledge the receipt of.

When Parites march they have daily Allowance of Batta, if the Troops Mr. Dodd mentions, had that Allowance, the amount of the Provisions furnished them must be deducted from their Pay.

Mr. Iggerson has presented a Bill to us from Mr. Surgeon Price for the Diet and care of the seapoys you may pay him at the rate of 1 Real per Day with which we think he cannot have any reason to complain.

Mr. Lindsay's Bill is extremely irregular he was to have been paid the same Allowances as the Assistant Surgeon here of the Military he should have had part of their wages and have Debited the Company for the Excess occasioned by victualling them. John Lawler should be on a seperate Account and Fort Malborough debited for him. All bills should be signed and we are at a Loss to understand what Mr. Lindsay means by changing Quarters—if the People are kept on shore Houses should be provided them if on board His Majesty's Ship, we know no right the Surgeon has to charge for Quarters.

If Mr. Gray was employed on the Company's service he should be paid on his Bill being certifyed by the late Castiliano.

Enclosed is a list of Tools left by Admiral Cornish in the yard of Cavita & purchased of him which you will please to acknowledge the receipt of.

We are

Sir

Your most obedient servants

Dawsonne Drake &ca. Council.

Manilha
Septr. 29th. 1763.

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TUESDAY SEPTR. 29TH 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

A Tun of lead to be landed from the Hawke for the use of the Mint.

The Govr. representing that lead is wanting in the Mint and that it cannot be purchased in the Parian Ordered that a Ton be landed from the Hawke.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Richard Dodd.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
&CA. COUNCIL AT MANILHA.

Gentlemen

Captain Brereton has directed me to apply to your Board, to request you will Please to let the Pasig Sloop, be mann'd from his Majesty's ship Falmouth and to get to Maranduke on a joint concern to procure Dammer for the Company's Vessels and for the use of his Majesty's ships,

Your Answer will much oblige
Gentlemen
Your most obedient and most humble servant
RICHARD DODD.

MANILHA
28TH. SEPTEMBER 1763.

Those Articles be greatly wanted Conditions on which the Board comply therewith Mr. Anderson's Bill for Biscuit furnished the Malinta Party ordered to be paid.

Ordered that the Secretary informs Mr. Dodd that a vessel shall be spared to proceed to Maranduke for oil &c. agreable to his request, on condition that Captain Brereton will be at the expence of Navigating her which will be about equal to the risque and that half the oil & Dammer she may bring shall be delivered to the Company at Prime Cost.

Mr. Anderson presents a Bill for Biscuit furnished to the Malinta Party by order of Major Fell which is ordered to be discharged.

A vessel to be prepared for Madras.

Resolved that a vessel be prepared to repair to Madras in month of December.

Advances to the Paymaster 12000 D.

Ordered that the following advances be made.

To the Paymaster, 12,000 Dollrs. for the charges of his employ.

To the Export warehouse-keeper 1200 R.

To the export Warehousekrs. Rupees 12,00 for the Disbursements of his Employ.

DAWSONNE DRAKE

— *MANILHA, OCTOBER 1763* —

AT A CONSULTATION

FRIDAY OCTOBER 1ST. 1763.

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

The Governor lays before the Board the following Letter to him from Captn. Abram Faizan Commanding the Company's Troops at Manilha.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.

Sir,

I take the Liberty to represent to you that the small body of Cavalry that we have could be of much more service if it was better disciplin'd and exercised.

Letter from Captn. Faizan recommends the black Horse being put under the Command of Mr. MacKay.

It cannot be expected as long as there is nobody at their Head but Serjeants that are more inclin'd to satisfy their inclinations to Depauchery than to mind their duty.

If a Commissd. Officer was put at their Head, his whole Attention would be to put the Horses & men upon such Footing, as to expect great deal of service from them upon all Occasions.

Having considered this I think that Ensgn. Mackay would be the properest Person for it, he is not attach'd to any particular Corps, and the Activity and emulation he has shewn in several Occasions, leave no room to doubt but he would use all his endeavours in disciplining and exercising them as they should be.

I am with respect

Sir

Your most obedient & most humble servant

ABRAM FAIZAN

Commandr. of the Cs. Troops.

MANILHA
OCTOBER 1ST. 1763.

As it is obvious that if the Cavalry were carefully disciplin'd, they would become of more real use than they now are, and that while Sergeants alone are at their Head it cannot be expected—Resolved that Ensign Mackay be appointed to the Command of them with a commission as Cornet of Horse to take rank from this Day with the usual Allowances and that be detach'd from the rest of the Seapoys.

Ensign Mackay appointed a Cornet of Horse.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Arrived the Honble Company's Ship Neptune from Xolo.

OCTOBER. 3RD

Received from Mr. Alexander Dalrymple, arrived in the said ship. The following Letter.

—— *MANILHA, OCTOBER 1763* ——

To Dawsonne Drake Esq^{R}. Gov^{R}.
&^{CA}. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen

The tedious Passage of the Neptune to Xolo and the time limitted for her departure did not permit any considerable Quantity of the Goods provided at Xolo to be taken aboard. This and the necessity of taking some measures to collect the Company's property lying at Xolo has induced me to order the ship to Manilha that I may by that means be enabled to inform you fully of the state of Affairs there.

Enclosed is a Letter for Canton containing the Invoice and Bill of Lading of what is on board the Neptune.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble servant
Alexander Dalrymple.

Xolo
September 16, 1763.

October 6TH

Also the following.

To Dawsonne Drake Esq^{R}. Gov^{R}.
&^{CA}. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen

Having had a tedious Passage to Xolo the lateness of the season did not permit us to continue to receive all the Goods then provided And as by this and other accidents the Company's Affairs there may be greatly involved should the Management of them fall to a person unacquainted with the Place and people I have come to a resolution to return thither and continue there till the arrival of that Ship from the Coast, which the President and Council of Fort S^{t}. George informed me they intended dispatching next year, provided you think proper to supply me with any vessel to continue till that time.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servant

Alexander Dalrymple.

Manilha
6TH. Octob^{R}. 1763.

Wednesday October 6TH.

At a Consultation
Present
Dawsonne Drake Esq^{R}. Deputy Gov^{R}. President.
Henry Parsons. William Stevenson.

London to be delivered over to him when repaired.

Agreed that, as M^{r}. Dalrymples resolutions are evidently for the Company's Interest, so soon as the London is repaired she be delivered over to him that he may return to Xolo with the utmost Expedition.

Dawsonne Drake.

6TH.

Received the following Letter from M^{r}. John Nodes at Cavita.

— *MANILHA, OCTOBER 1763* —

To Dawsonne Drake Esq^{R}. Governor
&^{CA}. in Council at Manilha.

Gentlemen

I received your's of the 29th. and am much at a loss to determine what could be your motive for allowing Captain Brereton a Linguist and Writer, when you consent only to my having the former.

There are no Rents as I know of, in the Parian that will furnish an amount to discharge the charges attending on the administration of Justice, I before acquainted you that they were always supplyed from the Gaming Licenses, and if you are resolved to have that entirely suppressed, it is necessary there be more people employed for that purpose, for every house in Town will become a Gaming house.

That which was formerly the Cavita Goal, has been long since made the Garrison Storehouse as being the only Place in the Garrison fit for that purpose, a house therefore has been always hired for the Prison, and the Place of Residence for the Goal keeper &^{ca}.

I must observe to you Gentlemen that the Province of Tondo, is nothing near so extensive, as the Jurisdiction of Cavita, and the number of Constables I applyed for, being what was allowed in the Spanish Government, is no more than absolutely necessary & more so at this Time.

I did not make any applications for an addition of my Allowance, I only sent (agreeable to your Desire) a just Account of the charges of Justice established by the Spaniards.

As all the Vessels at Cavita, belong to the Company, I should be glad to know what you would chuse to have made of the old large Galley laying on shore.

As soon as I have taken an Inventory of the Borers, and Armourer's Tools in the Dock yard I will send you an Account & Receipt accordingly.

I am with due respect
Gentlemen
Your most obed^{t}. Humble serv^{t}.

Cavita
6th. Oct^{R}. 1763.

John Nodes.

Sent the following Letter to M^{r}. Alex^{r}. Dalrymple. 7th.

To Alexander Dalrymple Esq^{R}.

Sir

We have rec^{d}. your Letter of yesterday's date in consequence of which so soon as the Company's ship London is compleatly repaired, Captain Alves who at present commands her shall be put under your Orders.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Dawsonne Drake &^{CA}. Council.

Manilha
Oct^{R}. 8th. 1763.

—— *MANILHA, OCTOBER 1763* ——

12TH. Signed the following Letter to the Super Cargoes at Canton.

To MESSRS. THOMAS FITZHUGH
&CA. SUPER CARGOES OF COUNCIL AT CANTON.

Gentlemen

Since our last Address to you of the 15th. Septr. Duplicate whereof was forwarded ℔ the Sabut Jung, Captn. George Scott, our Honble masters ships, Hawke Captain John Cotton from Madras, and Neptune Capt. Gabriel Stewart from Xolo arrived in this Port.

By them we have not received any material advices, or Orders relative to the delivery of this City &ca. to the Spaniards and therefore, as the Governor in Council of Madras, notwithstanding the earnest representation we made to them, that not less than the sum of 600,000 Rupees, would suffice for the heavy Expences of this Garrison until the end of June next, have only supplyed us with one Lack, and it is probable that it will be the month of May at soonest, before we shall again hear from them, we have been reduced to the disagreeable necessity of detaining a further sum of 96,000 Rupees, but if contrary to our Expectations the News of a Peace should reach us before the 26 Instt. we will dispatch a Vessel to you with all the money we can spare out of the Treasury or procure for Bills.

As it is not impossible but Orders may still be sent us from England for giving up Manilha by the Pitts passage and the homeward bound ships, putting in here, cannot much retard their Passage, we must beg leave to repeat to you our former request on that subject, but whether we are directed to return to the Coast or not, as some very extraordinary Affairs have here occurred, which it nearly concerns our Honble Masters, to be acquainted with, and longer to have detained these ships might have rendered their Passage to Canton precarious, we must intreat, and we depend upon your ordering the Captain of the first you may dispatch to call here for our Packets which shall be ready early in December, and to prevent her being detained any Time, they shall be sent off on her hoisting a blue Flag at her main Top Gallant Mast head and firing one gun.

Many of the Chinese of this Place having offered to proceed to Fort Marlborough if you can possibly spare any ships to convey them thither, it will be rendering a very essential Piece of service to our Honble Employers Without a Vessel of Force, we fear they would be prevented by the Dutch from passing through the Streights of Malacca.

As we have recommended to Captain Steward to wait off Canton river in order to save the Expence of measurage &ca. if you cannot provide a cargo for him this season, and we think he might in such case be employed on the above service.

Major Fell having disobeyed the Orders of the Governor encouraged by a mutiny in the Garrison & committed other high Offences, proceeds by his Permission on the Hawke to surrender himself to the gentlemen at Madras the Governor desires you will endeavour to procure him a Passage on the Sabut Jung or any vessel that may be destined for that Place, and to prevent his leaving Canton in any foreign ship.

On the Hawke we have shipped and now Consign to you Sago & Pearl shells recd. from Xolo as per Invoice and Bills of Lading inclosed.

Enclosed is also Extract of a letter from the Company's Resident at Batavia relating to Captn. Peter Machishin.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedt. servts.
DAWSONNE DRAKE &CA. COUNCIL.

— *MANILHA, OCTOBER 1763* —

Dispatched the Honble Companys ship Hawke to Canton, her long Detention having been occasioned by the badness of the weather which rendered it precarious to venture out of the harbour.

Sent a Letter to Captn. Gabriel Stewart as follows.

To Captain Gabriel Stewart
of the Ship Neptune.

Sir

As we have been obliged to detain part of the treasure consigned to China, we are uncertain whether the supercargoes will have enough to purchase cargoes for all the ships of this season, we therefore recommend to you to anchor off Canton River, from thence forward the accompanying Packet, and then wait their Orders before you sail up the River, that if a Loading cannot be procured for your vessel, the Company may save the heavy Charge of measurage &ca. as you will in such Case in all probability be ordered to return hither, we wish you a good Passage and are

Sir

Your most humble servt.

Dawsonne Drake
&ca. Council.

Manilha
12th. Octr. 1763.

Sailed the Honble Company's ships Hawke & Neptune. 13

At a Consultation

Present

Dawsonne Drake Esqr. Deputy Govr. President.

Henry Parsons. Mr. Stevenson *indisposed.*

Thursday 14 Octr. 1763.

Read the following letter from Mr. Richard Dodd.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr. Govr.
&ca. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen

Captain Brereton finding the expence of fitting out the Prize to amount to a very considerable Sum, and that he will not have money sufficient left for the necessities of the service has directed me to write to your Board to beg you will be pleased to pay the whole of the amount of our Bills here otherwise we shall not be able to Victual, Careen, and repair the ships, all which they are in very great want of.

Letter from Mr. Dodd requesting payt. for stores furnished to the Company.

I am with great respect

Gentlemen

Your must obt. humble servt.

Richd. Dodd.

Cavita
Octr. 14th. 1763.

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Part to be advanced

Agreed that part be advanced and if possible the whole when the Accounts are properly certified.

Paymasters Accounts read and Passed.

The Paymaster's Accounts read & passed.

Mr. Anderson to be paid Gratuity as the subaltern Officer.

Mr. Anderson Surgeon of the Royal Artillery presents a Bill for extraordinary gratuity of 20 Dollrs. for last month which as the surgeon of a Detacht. of that Corps in all Divisions of Prize money can only share as a subaltern is ordered to be paid.

Mr. Goodlad pays in 5985 Dollars acct. Grain sold.

Mr. William Goodlad Garrison Storekr. pays into the Board 5985 Dollars for Grain sold.

The Governor reads the Cash Acct. for last month as entered hereafter.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

—— *MANILHA, OCTOBER 1763* ——

THE HONBLE COMPANY'S CASH.

Dr.						Cr.				
Septr.	To Ballance brought from last Month's Acct.	113,620	2	2	Septr.	By Paymr. Advanced Quintin Crawford for the Charges of his Employ.	12,000	—	—
	To Acct. Currt. Fort St. George recd. from ye. Hector.	50,000	—	—		By Acct. Current London advanced Don Mannuel Antonio De Roxo late Governor of Manilha for the subsistence of the Royal Spanish Officers Civil & Military for Bills on the Royal Treasury of Madrid.	3,500	—	—
	Total ..	163,620	2	2					
	To the Mint recd. from Mr. Desouza in part of the Plate delivd. to him as ℔ Contra being coin'd into Rupees.	23,500	—	—		By John Nodes Paymr. at Cavita advanced him for the charges of his Employ.	4,000	—	—
						By Secret Services ..	231	—	—
						By Richd. Dodd Attorney to the Agents on Acct. of the Captors paid him.	7,000	—	—
						By Francis Barnewall.	12,000	—	—
						By Profit & Loss paid to Do. the difference between Rupees and Dollars.	150	—	—
							38,881	—	—
						By Ballance carried to next month's Acct.	148,239	2	2
	Dollars ..	187,120	2	2		Dollars ..	1,87120	2	2

MANILHA SEPTR. 30TH. 1763. Errors Excepted.

— *MANILHA, OCTOBER 1763* —

Oct. 14. Sailed the Speedwell Brig. Captn. Geo. Roberts to the adjacent Islands to purchase Cattle &ca. for the use of the Garrison.

18th. Arrived the Honble Companys Ship Admiral Pococke Captn. Thos. Riddle from Fort St. George.

Tuesday Octr. 19 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.

HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON, *indisposed.*

The Packet received ℔ Admiral Pococke opened and found to agree with the list.

General letters from the civil Dept. read.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Oct. 24.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.

HENRY PARSONS. MR. WM. STEVENSON, *indisposed.*

Troops at Pasig to be put upon half Batta only.

As economy becomes every day more necessary during the very heavy expences of this Garrison, and provisions cannot be at any much higher rate at Pasig than here, Agreed that the Troops under the Command of Captn. Mure be put upon half Batta.

Seapoy Horses not mounted to be turned loose upon the seaface.

Resolved that such of the Seapoy Horse as are not mounted be turned upon the sea face between the Stockade and the river and that the Chinese Cavalry be disbanded.

Admiral Pococke to be sent to the adjacent Islands for provision.

As the Garrison is distressed for provisions, Agreed, that the Admiral Pococke be dispatched to some of the adjacent Islands for provisions as soon as the tempestuous weather is over.

Captn. Riddle's Bill for victualing the Guatehinanges amounts to 2288 Dollrs. to be paid.

Captn. Riddle lays before the Board a Bill amounting to 2,288 Dollars for victualing Spanish Prisoners from Madras, which is order to be discharged.

Mr. Crauford to be paid five Pags. per month as clerk to the Committee of Works.

Mr. Quintin Crauford officiating as Clerk of the Committee of Works, agreed that he be allowed 5 Pags. ℔ month for that employ.

The Governor lays before the Board the Cash accounts for last month as entered hereafter.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Sent a letter to Captn. Mure as follows.

MANILHA
OCTOBER 1763.

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To Capt^{N}. John Mure
Commanding at Pasig.

Sir

The Company's expences in the different Garrisons on this establishment being very heavy it is incumbent upon us to use our utmost endeavors to lessen them and therefore as we think there cannot be any great difference in the prices of provisions between this place and Pasig it being situated at so small a distance and in a Grain Country, we find ourselves obliged to reduce the Troops under your Command to half Batta, and in consequence directions are now given to M^{r}. Fyfe the Paymaster that this regulation may take place the 1st. of next month your allowances as Commandant are allowed to continue the same.

We are

Sir

Your most hble. servants

Dawsonne Drake
&^{c}. Council.

Manilha
29th. Oct. 1763.

At a Consultation

Monday Nov^{r}. 1st.

Present

Dawsonne Drake Esq^{r}. Deputy Gov^{r}. President.
Henry Parsons. M^{r}. Stevenson, *indisposed*.

M^{r}. Dalrymple offering during M^{r}. Stevenson's illness to assist at the Committee for removing the Chinese to the Coast of Sumatra agreed that his services be accepted.

Mr. Dalrymple to act in the Committee for the removal of the Chinese.

As the Board are informed that the Chinese are greatly discontented and that some of them have left the Parian and as M^{r}. Dalrymple likewise offers to assist at a Committee for inquiring into all grievances they have to complain of Resolved that such a Committee be appointed to consist of Mess^{rs}. Dalrymple Henry Parsons and Francis Jourdan and that they be empowered to promise them redress as well as protection from all persons who might be inclined to molest them for the measures they may take to represent any hardships they may labor under.

Committee appointed to inquire into any grievances the Chinese may have to complain of.

composed of Mess^{rs}. Alex. Dalrymple Henry Parsons & Francis Jourdan.

Bills from M^{r}. Lindsay Surgeon of the Falmouth for his Care of 14 Frenchmen while on board that ship being presented ordered that M^{r}. Nodes be directed to pay him one Rupee ℔ month ℔ man which was the allowance paid for the passage from Madras to this place.

Dawsonne Drake.

Mr. Lindsay's Bill to be paid 1 rupee ℔ month ℔ man for Medicines &ca. for the Frenchmen while on Board the Falmouth.

— *MANILHA, NOVEMBER 1763* —

Novr. 1st. Received a letter from Captn. Mure as follows.

To the Governor and Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen

I am honored with your favor of the 29th. instant with respect to striking off the mens Batta from the 1st. Novr. I therefore beg leave to inform you that the men are by no means able to live upon their pay at present Rice is scarce and dear and will be so till a new crop comes off the ground Fish and Fowls at a greater than I have seen them since I have been upon this Post as are all Bassar stuffs and the Country people will not take the rupees without great discount which we must either comply with or have no provisions, all this occasioned by those vermin of Commissaries which are all round us, though we cannot find any of them they are still using every method to seduce and carry off [ours.] I have, and will do every thing in my power to prevent all those misfortunes but cannot be answerable for the Consequences that may happen, when the soldiers come to be acquainted that their Batta is taken off, when they stand in most need of it, as I do not chuse to acquaint them with your order, till I have an answer from you. I beg your serious consideration and a favourable answer as soon as you please.

I am

Gentlemen

With the greatest respect

Your most obt. & most humble servt.

John Mure.

Pasig
Novr. 1st. 1763.

To Captn. Jno. Mure
Commanding at Pasig.

Sir

We have received your letter of yesterday and as you therein represent that the great scarcity and high prices of provisions render it impossible for the private men to support themselves with their pay we for the present consent again to allow them their former Batta.

We are

Sir

Your most hble. servt.

Dawsonne Drake &c. Council.

Manilha
Novr. 3 1763.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
HENRY PARSONS.
MR. STEVENSON, *indisposed.*

MONDAY 7 NOVR. 1763.

Captain Flint the contractor for feeding Horses belonging to the Seapoy Cavalry being at Cavita ordered that advertisements be published to notify that fresh proposals will be received until the 10th. instt. then the lowest Bidder shall be accepted.

Fresh proposals for feeding the Horses to be received.

Captn. Backhouse presents a Bill for a Champan & 2 Cascas purchased on account of the Company and for Pallisadoes used in stockading the Post at Pasig amounting to Dollars—Ordered that it be discharged.

Bill for Boats sold to the Company by Captn. Backhouse &ca. presented to be paid.

Mr. Quintin Crauferd delivers in a Bill for a Peon to the Clerk of the Committee of accounts amounting to 53 Dollars which is ordered to be paid.

Bill for Peon to the Clerk of the Committee for Works, to be paid.

Mr. Dodd presents several Bills for stores furnished to the vessels &c. resolved that Mr. Nodes be directed when the same Bills are properly vouched that they be paid.

sundry Bills presented by M. Dodd for stores furnished the vessels.

Resolved that as the pay of the Guatchinangoes brought from Madras is not sufficient for their subsistence they be victualed by the Corregidor.

Mr. Wilkins Surgeon of the Admiral Pococke lays Before the Board a Bill for medicines &c. furnished to the Guatchinangoes brought on that ship from Madras amounting to 450 rupees ordered that it be paid.

Bill for Surgeon Wilkin's attendance on the Guatchinangoes during the passage from Madras Dollars 415 to be discharged.

Read the following letter from the Committee appointed to inquire into the grievances the Chinese may labour under.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &c. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

In consequence of your appointment of us to be a committee to inquire into and redress the grievances the Chinese may complain of we have received several complaints which with the resolutions in our opinion necessary in regard to them we now lay before you.

Letter from the Committee appointed to inquire into the grievances the Chinese labor under.

We have received a complaint that the Corregidor had ordered all Banellas except lead ones to pass current.

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Upon enquiry we find that the order issued by the Corregidor that the Captain of the Chinese a fortnight ago was that all bad Banellas should be destroyed and that any person found with two Dollars of them should be punished but that four days ago one of the Corregidors Officers told them verbally that all bad Banellas old and new except lead ones should pass current the person whom the Chinese taxed with their declaration is of the Corregidor constables named Phillippe who in our opinion ought to be removed and punished.

We must recommend that to prevent the difficulties attending the present currency a quantity of brass money equal to the necessity of the place be coined with the Company's arms which will not easily be counterfeited Whereas the distinction between good and bad Banellas is so small that we conceive the continuing the currency of Banellas will be attended with many inconveniencies to the Garrison.

2nd. We have received a complaint also that one Rotia a Chinese had occasioned a great scarcity of Pork by not permitting any one to kill Hogs but himself. This man when called before us pretended he had licence for this. Such monopolies we cannot but represent as a general evil and productive of the worst of consequences we therefore determine with the approbation of the Board to publish a declaration that the market shall be free but that any person killing bad unwholesome meat shall be severely punished.

Complaints having been made of the exorbitant fees demanded by the Clerk of the Choultry Court we request that a list of all fees whatever be laid before us that we may be enabled to make the proper representation on this Head.

We conceive it very reasonable that the expenses Writing out and translating the complaints made to us be defrayed by the persons guilty we therefore propose with your approbation to publish a declaration to that effect.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obedt. humble servts.

ALEXANDER DALRYMPLE.
HENRY PARSONS.
FRANCIS JOURDAN.

MANILHA
4TH. NOVR. 1763.

On the subject of bad Banellas

Ordered in consequence that that no bad Banellas be passed in the Parian &c. and if this should have the proposed effect it may hereafter be resolved to coin a new specie of Copper money.

Complaints of the Chinese against Rustica a person claiming a sole priviledge of killing Hogs

Ordered that Phillipee the Corrigidor's Officer for giving out directions of his own accord relative to the Banellas be punished and discharged.

of high charges in the Choultry Court reso'utions in consequence.

As in all probability notwithstanding it has been a custom among the Spaniards for an exclusive privilege to be granted for the killing of Hogs to prevent bad meat being exposed to sale the abolition of such a monopoly would be attended with good consequences to the public resolved that a proclamation be given out authorizing all persons to kill and offer to public sale Hogs Buffaloes

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&c. and that at the same time it be remarked that unless the market be as plentifully supplied as heretofore a fresh privilege will be given to such person as will undertake to sell at the cheapest rate.

The fees of the Choultry Court being called for the charge against the Clerk appears void of foundation.

Resolved that the expences of writing and translating complaints made to the Committee be defrayed by the persons guilty.

Read also a letter from Mr. Dalrymple as follows.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr.
Deputy Governor &c. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen

The Xolo Ambassador has solicited me to request of you to assist him with a little Gunpowder for his security in the voyage to Xolo and with 40 Dollars to enable him to engage mariners for his vessel. In regard to the first I beg leave to mention the hazard from the many Cruizars amongst the Islands. I have the honor to be

Letter from Mr. Dalrymple requesting Gun-Powder & 40 Dolls. for the Xolo Ambassador

Gentlemen
Your most obt. servt.
Alexander Dalrymple.

Manilha
7 Novr. 1763.

Ordered that a small quantity of Gunpowder be issued to the Xolo Ambassador and that his request for 40 Dollars be complied with.

complied with

Dawsonne Drake.

To Mr. John Nodes
Paymaster at Cavita.

Sir

The Bills delivered in by you have been laid before us.

Those which we regularly certified may be paid off but as all military stores should have been made to you we are much surprised to find one of them for 8000 Lbs. of Iron used by the Artillery Officer for chain shot carriages &c. you are therefore to inform us how many shot have been cast and by whose orders as also what number of Carriages have been made up at Cavita.

Mr. Lindsay has presented a Bill for medicines &c. furnished to the soldiers of the french companies while on board the Falmouth you may pay him at the rate of one Rupee ℔ man ℔ month which is the same as the surgeons were paid for the Troops brought hiher from Madras.

In future the masters of all the Company's Vessels must daily indent to you for the number of Artificers that may be wanting on the said vessels which indent properly certified are to be transmitted with your accounts monthly.

We are
Sir
Your most obt. servt.
Dawsonne Drake
&c. Council.

Manilha
Novr. 8 1763.

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P.S.

The shot are not to be paid for Captain Flint has directions to take the Cavalry under his charge you are to direct the Captn. of the London to prepare himself to proceed to sea in two days.

FRIDAY NOVR. 11 1763

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.

HENRY PARSONS. MR. STEVENSON, *indisposed.*

Read the following proposals from Mr. Hector and Mr. Wm. Goodlad.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.

GENTLEMEN,

Proposals by Mr. Goodlad for feeding the horses of the Seapoy Cavalry

Having in consequence of your advertisements for feeding the Cavalry belonging to the Honble Company, considered at what rate they can be furnished with the article mentioned therein I am willing to contract for them at 8 Dollrs. ℔ Horse which considering the present scarcity of every thing I persuade myself will not appear unreasonable, I am with much respect

GENTLEMEN

Your most obedt. & most Humble servt.

WILLM. GOODLAD.

NOVEMBER 10TH. 1763.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

Proposals for the same by Mr. Mackay

In consequence of your advertisement for receiving proposals to feed the Honble Company's Cavalry I beg leave to acquaint you that I am willing to undertake the supplying them with the articles therein mentioned at the rate of seven Dollars & four Royals ℔ Horse ℔ month, which considering the great scarcity of Paddy, the extravagant price of labour in general, and the considerable addition to heir allowance of half as much more of each article, as they had by the former Contract will not I persuade myself be deemed unreasonable.

I am with the greatest respect

GENTLEMEN

Your most obedt. & most humble Servt.

W. HECTOR MACKAY.

MANILHA
10TH. NOVEMBER 1763.

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As the quantity of Paddy & Grass is half as much more as the former Contractors gave the horses, & Paddy is at present very dear Resolved that Mr. Mackay's being the cheapest be accepted.

Mr. Hector Mackay's accepted.

Great complaints having been received from Cavita against Pacheco Lugee an Indian taken at that place, ordered that Captain Flint be directed to deliver him to Mr. John Nodes that an enquiry may be made into the same.

Complaint from Cavita against an Indian Ordered to be delivered over to Mr. Nodes that an enquiry may be made into the same.

Mr. Kennedy the Corregidor acquaints the Board that he has received advice that in a hard Gale of wind some days since one of the Company's Galleys was lost near Abarandugue which is imagined to be the Cavita lent to Captain Brereton to proceed thither for the purpose of oil and Dammer.

Advice of the loss of a Galley at Abarandugue.

DAWSONNE DRAKE

Sent a letter to Mr. John Nodes at Cavita as follows.

NOVEMBER 12TH.

To MR. JOHN NODES
PAYMASTER AT CAVITA.

SIR

Having called for the General Books of this Settlement we are concerned to find that they have been kept open for your Cavita accounts of April, & those of Mr. Dodd for the preceding months.

If you refer to our letter of 12th. of July, you will find positive orders to select as accurately as possible the charges of workmen materials &c. for the several vessels repaired at Cavita, not only for the month of April, but also for the preceding months when the disbursements were made by Mr. Dodd, & to carry the said charges to the Debit of each vessel, & as you was likewise directed immediately to transmit those accounts, as the Books could not be closed without them, we cannot conceive why you have then deferred complying therewith, we however persuade ourselves that you cannot have entirely neglected them & we herefore desire you will forthwith dispatch them to Mr. Fyfe.

We are

SIR

Your most obedient Humble servants

DAWSONNE DRAKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
NOVEMBER 12TH. 1763.

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MONDAY NOVEMBER 14TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

HENRY PARSONS. MR. WILLIAM STEVENSON, *indisposed.*

Read the following letter from Captn. William Flint, Commanding at Cavita.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.

SIR

Letter from Captn. Flint concerning the Indian he was ordered to deliver up to Mr. Nodes.

I received yesterday an order from Mr. Jourdan /in your name/ for to deliver up an Indian to Mr. Nodes, he is a man that is come to us for Protection, & will be of great detriment to this place in case he is punished as the whole of the Chinese are interceding for him, & in fact he has supplied us with Provisions for some time past. I have therefore taken the liberty of postponing the order till you see the bearer of this which is Mr. Antonis De Sowza who can inform you of the particulars, better than I can describe it to you on Paper Therefore flatter myself you will have some compassion on the man, as I really think he will answer our purpose much better in getting in Provisions & as the Chinese has given in a great many of their names that will be answerable for his behaviour.

I am with respect
SIR
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
WILLIAM FLINT.

CAVITA
NOVEMBER 12TH. 1763.

Reasons for relieving said Prisoner.

Captain Backhouse being present informs the Board that he knows the accused person to be in our Interest, he having frequently brot. in Provisions to the different settlements, & it appearing that the charges against him relate entirely to excesses admitted out of our Jurisdiction, at his recommendation agreed that the Prisoner be released.

Salt Fish and Paddy to be issued to Captn. Riddle.

Captain Reddall having desired a small quantity of salt Fish & Paddy might be issued to him for the seapoys &ca. that are to be put on board him. for his intended Expedition to Luban—agreed that it be complied with.

Boat purchased of Captn. Jackson to be sold to Captn. Riddall.

Captain Riddall being in want of a Boat Resolved that the one purchased from Captn. Jackson last year be sold to him for Dollrs.

Bills passed.

Mr. Casemore presents a Bill for R. 27–10 /Ps. for his pay as Pioneer officer during the Seige of Manilha—Ordered that it be paid.

Mr. Cornet Mackay lays before the Board a Bill for repair of saddles &ca. for the sepoy Cavalry which having been checked by the Corregidor—Ordered that it be discharged.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

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SATURDAY 19TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPY. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Read the following letters from the Committee of Accounts & Mr. John Nodes Paymr. at Cavita.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL AT CAVITA.

GENTLEMEN

On our sitting as a Committee of Accounts we found it necessary to make the following remarks which we take the liberty to present to you.

Letter from the Committee of Accounts Relating several Irregularities in the Cavita Accounts.

First with regard to the Accounts of Cavita.

We observe that stoppages has never been made from the seapoys in that Garrison from its first establishment till now which amounts to a sum far from inconsiderable.

The Cavalry in the months of July, August, & September are charged at the rate of 11 or 12 Dollars each Horse ℔ month, which is the more astonishing as those in the Garrison of Manilha were contracted for in these months at 5 dollars and seven Reals.

In the month of July there is a charge of 15 dollars for 3 Pounds of Europe Cordage which appears to us so extraordinary that we apprehend it may be owing to an error in the Entry.

In the account for August we observe that the Lascars are over paid Dollrs. 17–1–8 and in the September account Dollars 18–1–8.

In the August account the Entry for the Town Adjutant exceeds the vouchers Reals 4–3 & in the month of September he has drawn 136–1 for stationary & Dollrs. 5–2 for a Writer, which is an overcharge of Drs. 4–11 that Officer still draws for a Toche & Waterman altho' on our Representation the Board was pleased to strike it off some months ago.

We with regret are obliged to remark to you that many of the chas. in the accounts of the Garrison of Cavita are without vouchers, there are indeed accounts which we imagine are intended as such, but are not signed. The Entries in general are so unexplicit that in most of the charges we were obliged to refer to the vouchers which for want of being numbered & properly endorsed occasioned us infinite trouble & after having been so lucky as to find there were often left as unsatisfied as before.

It will doubtless appear not a little extraordinary, our making remarks on accounts of so late a date as the month of July, but with concern we must observe to you that we did not receive the accounts for July August & September till the 18th. of last month & having immediately before set to examine the accounts of this Garrison & Pasig for the preceding month, the large share of business we have in this Settlement did not admit of our again sitting till a few days ago.

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The Account for June was returnd in the month of July it not being agreable to the form proposed by us to you in our letter of the 24th. May last, & to which you were pleased to order the Cavita accounts should be kept.

We took the liberty to represent to you in our letter to you of the 27th. May of the large charge made monthly for coolies to the different Corps in the Garrison of Manilha, which we observe still continues amounting last month to the sum of Drs. 162–6 which is impossible to be reduced entirely, yet we imagine their number might be lessened as there are 6 coolies daily charged for the Honble Company's Troops yet their number hardly exceeds that of a complete Company & 4 for the Artillery altho their number in Garrison does not amount to an hundred men whereas the 79th. Regt. has never been allowed more than one cooly to each Company.

MANILHA
NOVEMBER 18TH. 1763.

As we do not observe any other article in the Accounts at present worth your attention we beg leave to subscribe ourselves with much respect.

Your faithful & most obedt. servants

HENRY PARSONS.
RICHARD FYFE.
QUINTIN CRAWFURD.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

Gentlemen

Letter from Mr. Nodes complaining of his not being appointed Castiliano &ca.

In consequence of the instructions I received from you some time ago wherein I find myself appointed administrator of Justice for Cavita & its Jurisdiction, I conceived it was with the greatest reason I demanded of Captn. Flint the Prisoner named John Pachecho ouxu. whom I purposed examining in order to have a copy of his examination transmitted for your perusal my demand being refused I immediately addressed myself to you not a little incensed at so unjust a denial. But could I have persuaded myself my letter would have made no more impression upon you than what I find it has, Depend upon it I would have spared myself the unnecessary trouble of writing it. I am but too sensible of the little confidence you place in me, & the little notice you take of me serves but to confirm the mean opinion you are pleased to entertain of me. I shall nevertheless take upon me to acquaint you that the consequences which are about to result from your releasing this said Prisoner will convince you how precipitate & credulous you have been in listening to any person who has dared to speak in behalf of a villain so notoriously infamous. It ought to be considered that the Chiefs & inhabitants of the neighbouring villages most of which have addressed me on this occasion, are people to whom we are greatly indebted for their services in assisting us with necessaries & provisions. I can with the greatest justice speak in their behalf & am ready always to bear witness of the benefits Cavita has from time to time received from their attachment to our interest as may be proved by the plenty we have always enjoyed here, when Manilha was destitute; But what more can we expect or in what manner are we espousing the cause of those deserving few, when we set at liberty a villain agt. whom there is so universal a clamour & so many repeated proofs of the injuries he has committed? & that even without

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the least examination, upon an idle treacherous pretence he makes to furnish us with provision; a villain who has never had a mite to bless himself with but what he has extorted from others by his barbarity & oppression & the very man that Admiral Cornish gave such peremptory orders to destroy or take wherever he should be found either dead or alive; but supposing him even innocent it would have been a piece of satisfaction, due to the merit of the inhabitants whose behaviour ought to entitle them to some degree of consideration had he been brought to an examination & would at least in some measure have specified an exasperated multitude so far I presume to give my opinion notwithstanding it has never been asked.

You must needs think Gentlemen in how ridiculous a light I must appear amongst a multitude of Strangers where I have presumed to stile myself administrator of Justice & am now looked upon as no more than a subservient to the Castiliano permitted only to act in trivial matters such as to settle the quarrels & contentions of the Rabble & Mobility with which I am interrupted every hour in the day But when affairs of consequence interfere to remain as a Cypher & a fool. In short Gentlemen the manner in which I am treated on this occasion gives me a fair opportunity to call in question that justice & impartiality in which I always placed so much confidence: A little reflection will undoubtedly convince you that I am entitled to a greater share of consideration than you have ever thought proper to show me & it would be much satisfaction to me to show what I have offended that there should be so great a disparity in your favour & indulgence else, why should others have succeeded to offices of such importance which nothing but most unexpected fortune could ever put themselves in possession of when I remain a person so very insignificant & so little considered & since the present opportunity offers permit me to ask you, when Mr. Russell & Mr. Johnson went to Madras, did not Mr. Parsons & Mr. Stevenson take their seats in Council? At Mr. Smith's departure did not Mr. Fvfe meet with preferment & was not Mr. Crawfurd made Paymaster of Manilha when Mr. Brooke went away? why then when Captn. Brereton resigned the Government of Cavita Did Mr. Nodes remains no more than Paymaster? Had I been thought worthy to succeed, you never would have divided the Government and given it the name of an out Garrison. I may with the greatest reason conclude it as a reflection upon me & therefore Gentlemen, By the same Rule that others have been permitted to benefit by such opportunitys, It is but just and reasonable that I make my applications to you for the same Indulgence as I think it becomes every Companys Servant to adhere to his right as much as it does his Superiors to see him righted.

At present I have nothing more to add than that I am with Due respect

Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servant
JOHN NODES.

CAVITA
NOVEMBER 18TH. 1763.

P.S.—I sent you the Petitions by Mr. Greenstate I have this Inst. received, two which when translated shall be forwarded you.

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Lascars and Seapoys overpaid.

As it appears by the former that the Lascars at Cavita have been overpaid in the months of August & September 35–3–4 & that no stoppages have been made from the Sepoys according to former Instructions Ordered that a Letter be wrote to Mr. Nodes to inform him thereof & that he must be answerable for the same.

Mr. Nodes vouchers unsatisfactory many wanting.

Ordered also that he be advised of such other mistakes as have been reported to the Board by the Committee.

his accounts to be recopy'd.

The Board with much concern observe that Mr. Nodes's accounts in general are without satisfactory vouchers, & the entries inexplicit ordered in consequence that the said accounts be recopied agreeable to his Instructions of the 12th. of July.

Regarding the Coolies employed in the Barracks Mr. Henry Brooke having long since consulted Major Fell on the occasion reported to the Board that they are absolutely necessary however ordered that fresh enquiry be made of Captain Backhouse.

Resolved that it be again repeated to Mr. Nodes that all the vessels at Cavita are to be repair'd.

Purport of a Letter to Mr. Nodes in answer to the above to him.

With regard to Mr. Nodes's Letter of the 18th. concerning Pocheu Ouqui the Board would not have ordered his releasement without sufficient reason.

The latter part of his Letter surprizes the Board he complains of the Preferment of others when he was the first Person that procured the first emolumentary Employ in the Companys Service at this Place he proceeds & desires he may be inform'd why he, when Capn. Brereton resigned that Castilianoship, was not nominated to succeed him agreed that in Answer thereto he be informed that the little Attention he had in general paid to Orders the Irregularity of his Accounts his frequent absence from Cavita the beginning of every month notwithstanding a Standing Order of the Company's to the contrary the Stop put to the General Books by his neglecting to ascertain the Disbursements made or the different vessels in the months of March and April and the confused manner in which his accounts have been transmitted are sufficient Reasons for not granting his request added to which they are sorry to observe that the manner of his Address was very unlikely to procure that or any favor.

Mr. Francis Jourdan taken in Council.

As the vacancies in Council have not yet been filled Agreed that Mr. Francis Jourdan be taken into Council leaving a vacant seat for Mr. John Nodes.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

NOVR. 23D. 1763.

Signed the following Letter to Mr. John Nodes at Cavita.

To MR. JOHN NODES
PAYMASTER AT CAVITA.

Sir

The Committee of Accounts having examined your Accounts from 1st. July to Ultmo. of September have observed and reported to us that the Lascars have been overpaid in the Month of August 17–1–8 in September 18–1–8 and that no stoppages have ever yet been made from the Seapoys as your Instructions for

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Pasig particularized the Pay of every Corps and you had only orders to deliver a copy of them to Mr. Fyfe at the time of his taking upon him the Payment of that Garrison we expect you will account for the overplus that has been paid.

They have likewise represented to us that in the month of July, August and September the Cavalry were fed at the exorbitant rate of 11 and 12 Dollars each ℔ Month, this being very extraordinary as the Stores in Manilha
D. R.
were kept at the same time at 5–7 each requires—explanation.

In the month of July you will find 15 Dollrs. charged for 3 lbs. of Cordage this we persuade ourselves is a mistake in the Entry and that you will accordingly rectify it.

In the Month of August the entry for the Town Adjutant exceeds the Voucher Rls. 4–3 B and in September he has drawn 6–1 for Stationary 5–2 for a
D.R.B.
Writer in which are over charged 4–11 and he still is paid for a Waterwoman notwithstanding our Orders to the contrary this we are greatly surpriz'd at but as they were sufficiently explicit you alone can be answerable for the Difference.

It is with great concern we Observe that most of your Accounts have been without Satisfactory vouchers and the entrys in general very inexplicit we are therefore obliged to return them to you and as they are irregular we desire you will forthwith Copy them over again agreeable to our Instructions of the 12th. of July as also of the Directions given to you by the Accountant observing that all the vouchers are properly signed numbered endorsed &ca. we shall expect them by the 15th. of Next month.

The Galley laying on shore at Cavita concerning which you had long since our Instructions and the sloop are to repaired [*sic*] as soon as possible no time must be lost in fitting out the London for Sea.

Your Several Letters of the 18th. &c. Inst. are received with regard to the Prisoner Ouqui you have been misinformed we should not have released him without good reasons for so doing.

The Latter end of your Letter of the 18th. Surprizes us much you therein complain of others having been promoted while you are neglected when long before any of the Gentlemen you mention to have been prefered, you had the Paymastership of Pasig the only emolumentary employ at that time in the Place granted to you. You proceed and desire we will inform you why when Captain Brereton resigned the Castilianoship of Cavita you was not appointed there. The little attention you have paid to others as well in the beforementioned Instances as many others that might be produced the irregularity of your Accounts your frequent absence from Cavita the beginning of the Month altho we acquainted you it is a Standing Order of the Company that their Paymasters shall be present and pay their Troops the 1st. of the Month the Stop occasioned by General Books by your neglecting to ascertain the Disbursements to the Several Vessels in the month of April and the preceeding month agreeable to our Orders of the 12 of July and the confused manner in which your Accounts have been transmitted are we think sufficient objections against your succeeding to the Castilianaship to which may be added that your June Accounts were not received untill the latter end of July or the month of August nor those of the 3 following months, untill the latter end of October and that we did not then think necessary to fill up that Employ we cannot however dismiss the Subject without observing to you that the Disrespectful manner in which Apply'd for it was unlikely to procure that or any other favor.

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We have thought proper to appoint Mr. Jourdan in Council but to convince you we do not thereby mean to supercede you we now inform you that a Seat is left vacant for you and that as soon as your Accounts are settled to our Satisfaction your application shall be paid Attention to.

We are
Sir
Your affece. Friends
DAWSONNE DRAKE
&ca. COUNCIL.

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P.S.—We must recommend to your reperusal the orders you have received from us you will find Among them Directions for transmitting us monthly Accounts of Receipts Issues and Remains of Military and Civil stores and many others which your compliance herewith will render unnecessary for us to enumerate.

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AT A CONSULTATION
Present
DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
HENRY PARSONS. FRANCIS JOURDAN.

Captain Backhouse *attending*. Mr. Stevenson *indisposed*.

Read a Letter from Captr. Brereton on the subject of the sale of the Augustine Convent.

Read a Letter from Captain Brereton as follows.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA
and THOMAS BACKHOUSE ESQR.
COMMANDANT OF THE TROOPS &CA.

Gentlemen,

I find by a Letter now before me from Mr. Drake Deputy Governor of Manilha to Mr. Dodd one of the Agents for the Captors that the Effects of the St. Augustine Convent were sold for 1000 Dollars.

As the Power of disposing of the Captors Property is solely invested in me and the said Mr. Dodd, I desire to know by what Authority they were sold in so illegal a manner and if they were confiscated for the Benefit of the captors exclusive of the Ransom money I desire to have a copy of the Decree.

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These Proceedings being expressly contrary to the Articles of the Capitulation which secures to the Spaniards their Property in the City of Manilha the Attorney for the Order of S^{t}. Augustine has Petitioned me for redress in their sufferings and as the Spaniards have credit given them with the Captors for every thing taken from them so the said order will no Doubt expect that their Property is faithfully accounted for when I come to Ballance the Account with the Archbishop at delivering up the Place and it being a great Disgrace and mortification to the Religious of the said Order to see the Altars of Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Vergin with other Sacred Altars put up to sale & their Books of Holy Writ sold to be destroyed or the sport of a Pagan People I do therefore by the Authority and Power invested in me in the name of the Captors annul the Said Bargain of selling the effects of the S^{t}. Augustine Convent to Don Santiago Orendain (or said to be sold to him) and I hereby demand that the keys of the said Convent be caused to be delivered to me forthwith and also the Effects moved from the said Convent into the House Don Santiago Orendain lives in and one opposite to it and to prevent Embezzlement I desire the Commandant will place centinels over those Houses till an account be taken of the effects and whereas it Appears that the Captors and consequently the India Company have been defrauded of their Property in the Bargain made with the said Don Santiago Orendain I desire he may be ordered to produce an account of the sales he has already made and for the satisfaction of the India Company I desire M^{r}. Stevenson of the Council and M^{r}. Dalrymple another of the Company's Agents may assist me in this Scrutiny that we may be able to render a faithful Account of the Affair to the Captors.

I am

Gentlemen

Your obedient humble Servant

WILLIAM BRERETON.

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Resolved that next Saturday be appointed to enquire into the same and that Captain Brereton be acquainted thereof that he may attend on behalf of the Captors. Next Saturday to be enquired into.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Sent the following Letter to Captain Brereton Commanding His Majestys Ship at Cavita. NOV^{R}. 25TH. 1763.

To WILLIAM BRERETON ESQ^{R}.
AGENT FOR THE CAPTORS.

Sir,

Until the receipt of your Letter of Yesterday we were quite unacquainted with the disposal of the Augutine Convent or of any thing thereunto belonging however sir we shall direct M^{r}. Orendain (to whom you inform us it has been sold) to attend next Saturday to acquaint us of whom the Purchase was made and the conditions of it that we may be enabled to Judge of its validity and we imagine you will be present in behalf of the Captors the Instrument by which the effects of the Augustine Fryers were confiscated shall be shewn to you.

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We entirely agree with you that at all events an Inventory should be prepared of the whole that Justice may be done to all the Parties concerned.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
DAWSONNE DRAKE &CA. COUNCIL.

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SATURDAY 28TH NOVR. 1763

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
HENRY PARSONS. FRANCIS JOURDAN.
Captain Backhouse *assisting*.

Captains Brereton and Peigh in attending on behalf of the Captors of Manilha.

The Board being met agreeable to the Resolutions of last Consultations Mr. Orendain being in waiting is called before them and Duly sworn to reply to all such questions as shall be put to him.

Enquiry into the circumstances of the sale of the effects of Augustine Convent.

At Captain Brereton's desire he is then asked whether he purchased the effects of the Augustine Convent to which he replys affirmatively.

The questions then put to him of whom he purchased the said effects.

Mr. Orendain the Purchaser Interrogated.

He in answer informs them that having been at the said Convent he found the effects partly demolished and the Doors broke open however hearing they were to be sold he offered 1000 Dollrs. for the same that the Governor having acquainted him they could not be disposed of unless by Publick Outcry he beg'd he would let him know when the sale was to be made that some days after the Governor having enquired of him this Extt. whether he would give for the beforementioned effects the 1000 Dollars he had Already offered he consented thereto the next day having been to the Convent for some things he wanted out of it he found great part plundered on which he went to the Governor to advise him of the much worse condition he found every thing in it that time than when he offered the said 1000 Dollars but finding the Governor little inclined to attend to his complaint as he thought it might be construed as a Desire of being off his Bargain he dropt it some time after Major Fell asked him whether he had paid for the above Purchase and told him he should pay it to none other but himself on which this Examint. declares that he enquired of the Govr. whether he might pay the money to Major Fell who reply'd that he had occasion for it for the Payment of the Troops he might and that in consequence he did give the said Money to Mr. Faillet to pay to Major Fell and as a Proof that the said Major Fell did receive the money he further declares that he asked him for 3 Dollars that were short of the Payment which he also paid him.

Being asked whether he purchased it for himself for other Persons or whether he was in any wise concerned with others in the said Bargain. He answers that he was the sole Purchaser and that he did not pay for any others nor was any Person concerned with him.

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Captain Brereton then desiring Mr. Greenslate might be called upon he is brought before the Board and duly sworn to answer all questions that may be put to him it is enquired of him whether he knows who were the Purchaser or Purchasers of the Augustine Convent He in answer thereto advises them that Don St. Tago Orendain was the Purchaser and that he knows of no other Purchasers whether he assisted at the sales of the said Effects after the said Purchase.

And he answers that he did not. Whether he had drawn out a List of the effects He acknowledges He signed one but that it was only for Goods which were unsold and not for sales already made and at the desire of Mr. Orendain who told him that being greatly disliked by the Spaniards as well as for the better sale of the Goods and getting the money easier he should be obliged to him if he would sign the abovementioned List for him and whether he had read the List. He answers he did not read the whole but part which contained Altars &ca.

The List is then produced by Captain Brereton signed by Mr. Greenslate and Read.

Captain Brereton then reads to the Board a Letter from Mr. Drake to Mr. Dodd advising of the sale of the Effects of the Augustine Convent with the Participation of the Council and Major Fell for 1000 Dollars.

Letter from Mr. Drake to Mr. Dodd advising him of the sale of the effects of the Augustine Convent for 1,000 Dollars. The Board unacquainted therewith A List of the effects sold or to be sold to be taken. The alters having been plundered to prevent any thing further of the kind of the Church &ca. the keys to be delivered to the Governor.

The Board are entirely unacquainted with the abovementioned agreement nothing thereof having Appeared on their Records they are therefore unanimously of opinion that a List of the Effects of the Convent sold to Mr. Orendain now either at the said Convent his House &ca. be taken on Account of the Captors of which their Honble Employers are to have a Part that to prevent any further Reflections on the Nation the Company or their Agents the Keys of the Church &ca. be delivered to the Governor & that the Archives be secured.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.
FRANCIS JOURDAN.

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Signed the following Proclamation.

Whereas frequent Complaints have been made of the great Hardship the Inhabitants of this city the Parian &ca. labour under by being obliged to receive large Sums of money in Barrillas It is hereby ordered that no person whatsoever shall in future be obliged to receive more than 40 and seven Barrillas in Barrillas at one Payment and that all sums exceeding shall be paid in silver and Notice hereof is publickly given that whoever refuses to obey this order will be punished for such disobedience.

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TUESDAY NOVR. 29TH. 1763

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
HENRY PARSONS. FRANCIS JOURDAN.

CAPTAIN BACKHOUSE *Present.*

Also Captn. Brereton and Peighen attending on behalf of the Captors.

Mr. Russel Town Major deposition concerning the sale of the effects the Augustine Convent.

The Governor desires Mr. Russel the Town Major may be called to declare what he knows concerning the sale of the Augustine Convent in consequence of which he appears and delivers in the following orders issued by the Directions of Major Fell.

General orders relative to the sale of the Effects. G.O.

The Effects of the Augustine Convent to be sold by Outcry for the Benefit of the Captors to morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

The Outcry at the Augustine Convent is countermanded the whole Effects being disposed of.

He then declares that he understood Major Fell was the vender of the said Effects and that he desired him to apply to Mr. Orendain for the money they had agreed upon and that having excused himself on account of his not understanding the Spanish Language he beg'd he would desire the Governor in his Name to speak to him thereupon.

G.A.O.

Padre. Pablo interrogated.

Padre Pablo a Recollect Fryer being called before the Board and agreeable to the request of Captn. Brereton asked whether he knows if Mr. Orendain was the Purchaser of the effects of the Augustine Convent or if Mr. Greenslate was concerned.

He answers that having apply'd to Mr. Orendain for the Archives he first was informed by him that he was the sole Purchaser but having after that made a second application on the same subject the said Orendain told him Mr. Greenslate was the real Purchaser and that of course he must expect no favor.

That the said Padre Paulo offered the first time 600 Dollars and that he had heard Mr. Orendain get a person to write to the Superior of the Augustine Fryers that Mr. Greenslate was the Purchaser and would sell them for 2000 Dollars.

Read a Letter from Mr. Orendain on the Subject as follows :—

Letter from Mr. Orendain on the Subject.

Hoñble Sir,

The day before yesterday by order of your Worship and the Counsellours I was called upon to attend at the Board where I was asked several Questions concerning the effects belonging to the Church of St. Augustine which had been sold to me and after the Consultation was over I was given to understand by your worship that the design to Sell the Altar Pieces was looked upon as a Discredit to the Nation.

I was greatly surprised to be called to appear before the Council and so many questions asked me concerning a Sale which had been fairly made and I had paid the money for besides there was an oath tendered to me which I was still more surprised at considering it if well known to your worship how ready I am to serve the English Nation upon all occasions when I can do it lawfully wherefore that it should not be a dishonour to the Nation I will do with regard

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to the Altars whatever your worship may order me and postpone my own Interest to the honor and Credit of the Nation however to clear my conduct and way of acting I must observe to your Worship thō by this I dont pretend to forbear doing what I have here promised but that it should not be imagined I was backward in point of attention and civility I must I say observe that after the sale was made Messrs. Smith and Brooke went to the Church of St. Augustine and desired they might have many of the things belonging to said church which they offered to pay for but I refused as this was done by the Counsellours I could not imagine that it could be censured besides the very clergymen carried to the Miserecordia the Altar Plate and at said place was distributed Chalices and other holy things which the Roman Catholicks held in great veneration upon account of their being employed in the consecration of Host &ca. The Alter which was in the House of the Marepies of Mantecastro where mass was every day said by a particular priviledge granted by the Pope was sold to Mr. Barnewall who carried it away for which reason I should never imagine that my designing to do the same could be looked upon contrary to honor whereas I neither profaned nor took any thing out of the church but intended that every thing should remain there and to prove the Purity of my Intention I beg leave to lay before your Worship the following considerations.

That even after the victory is gained the Conquerors have a right to all such things as conduce to the end for which war was waged as a satisfaction for the Injuries committed before and during the combat for this reason they can take from the conquered tho' Innocent all the effects they were possessed of and upon this occasion the conqueror acquires the title and character of Judge with regard to the conquered and there is not the least doubt but the Injured in this case becomes the true and lawfull Judge of the offender this is the openion of many good authors we read in chapter 20 of the Book of Judges that the Israelities waged a just war against the Benjamities because they would not deliver up the Gibeonites who were guilty of high crimes to be punished with Death the war is an act of vindicative Justice and not only a reparation of honor and future security may be demanded but such Punishment inflected as the Offender deserves.

The renowned Professor Emanuel Ia asks whether it it [*sic*] is lawful to buy the Enemies effects the moveables from the Powers of War And answers in the affirmative and upon the same Subject Antonio Diana more expressly says idem est dicendum de his Rebus cuthie divino dicates quas heretice usurpart a catholices and ville pretio vendunt proteres inquam Mas emere ex prosumpta dominorum voluntate credesidum enim est Dominus catholices potius volleut vili pretie emanlur, and cultive, divino, appluenlur, quah, quod, al Heretices delencantur and in usos profanos insumatur molina vasquez Bon cina Reginaldo, granado arriaga, and many other divines, and moralists agree in this opinion.

These who are of a Contrary opinion and took upon Ecclesiasticks to be innocent as not any way concerned in the War agree that if they contribute and give any thing that is unjust towards carrying on the War or afford any succour their effects are liable to be confiscated as a Punishment for their Crime and as a recompence for the losses they have occasioned Ledesma says that it is not lawful to take effects belonging to the Church or the Clergy this is confirmed by the Law which declares that said effects should be free but it is to be observed if the Priests are actually at War and found fighting that it is lawful to kill them and Plunder their effects upon account of said Priests, having turned Enemies and Acting the part thereof.

Reginaldo askes whether it be lawful in time of War to injure the Clergy or deprive them of their effects and Answers that the Effects, belonging to the Clergy should be free still in the three different cases they may be injured the first is when the Ecclesiastick interfere in the War and give succour to the

Enemy the 2d. is when the victory can't be obtained without so doing and the third when the Church is put in a posture of defence this last is not to the Purpose but by the Declaration and proclamation of the Brittish Governor & Council in these Islands should the 2d. be not absolved the first must be determined.

Yather John Fernando proposes a Still more curious Question whether the Reliques of the Saints may be taken out of the Church without any obligation to restore them he answers in the affirmative the reason is because all the effects taken in War are lawful and the reliques of the Saints still more being it is well known by the Powers who commence the war that the Enemy is not obliged to spare even what is sacred and that what they are most desirous to get are the Reliques of the Saints in order to carry them to their Kingdoms where they may expect a sure Patronage by having them and in this point they dont even yield to the Heathens who in the Destruction of Cities often used to carry away the houshold Gods in short he concludes that after a just War the conqueror has a right to the Churches the Reliques &ca. as also to keep the Churches.

The Reason alledged of the Churches being immoveables and the Reliques moveable is of no weight because then all things belong to the Conqueror by the Laws of War and he is not obliged to any restitution these who are of a contrary opinion ground it upon the Innocence of the Clergy and consequently their effects they say should be free but all agree that this Priviledge is lost when it is necessary to take them to put an end to the War or when the Clergy is to blame I don't give my opinion of the matter all I know is that this has been publickly proclaimed and that St. Thomas and other Divines say it is not lawful for Ecclesiasticks to interfere in war and some say that this prohibition arises from the nature of their Possession St. Paul says nemo militans Deo Implicat se negoty's secularibus and St. Gregory arma, esse clerices Muita St. Bamard says the same where he explains the words of St. Mathew Chap. 26th. Mitte Gladium lunmin vaginam and tho others say that the Prohibition is from the Cannon Law still all agree that it is prohibited and that they commit a mortal sin by transgressing and divers Punishments are inflicted by the Canon Law and that both by devine Law and the Law of Nature it is not proper that they should interfere in matters of war it is very likely that for these and other reasons the Augustinian Friars were declared Traitors to the King of Great Britain and their Goods & Estates ordered to be confiscated and for this reason I could never imagine that said conduct could be censured but notwithstanding said Reasons I offer over again not only the Altar Pieces of St. Augustine but even what ever Property I have of my own that your worship may dispose of it as you think proper and I can assure you it will be less concern to me to lose all I have thán to be called before a Court where an Oath is tendered to me and so many Questions asked me.

Your Worship well knows that I not only have been persecuted and looked upon as a Traitor to the Spanish Nation but that there has been an attempt made upon my life and I am informed a reward offered to take me dead or alive you know that my son in Law was deprived of the employ of Deputy Governor of the Province of Pampanga and that my Daughter and Grand Daughters Infants of 4 and 5, years old have been declared Traitors and Banished to the most remote parts of the Island of Luzan with a Sentence which has been given of death in case the British Forces should go to Pampanga and all for no other reason then my having rendered essential pieces of Service as tis said to the English this your Worship and the Council is perfectly acquainted with by the Sentence which I laid before you upon which your Worship and the Council wrote to Mr. Anda that for the very reasons he alledged it was incumbent on the British Nation to protect me now I am brought before the Council upon account of a Petition given in by the Augustinian Order which has been declared a Traitor to his Brittannick Majesty and the English Nation with regard to effects which in the very same Proclamation were ordered to be seized

and sequestered with all submission to your Worship and the Council I think is refused me the Protection that had been promised to me your Worship and the Council by receiving such a Petition wherein I am called to an account exposes me my family and every other Person who has any connection with me to the most cruel persecution and if what you know has been done upon no other Grounds than meer suspecion what have I not to dread from proofs given by your Worship and the Council to avoid evil consequences I begged from your Worship and Major Fell that no Spaniard should know I had purchased the effects of the Augustinian Church you gave me your word of honor it should be so now I desire that said word of Honor should be kept and I require it may be & protest all losses and damages that may arise from the breaking of it and should any more steps be taken relating to this affair I desire to have testimony thereof in order to apply where I think proper & most is for my advantage according to Law and equity I not only endeavoured to hide this from the Spaniards but asked Mr. Greenslate whether there was any harm or Prohibition to buy the effects of the Augustinian Convent he said no upon which I requested he would sign a List by which it might appear he was the Purchaser which with his Leave I would spread abroad he asked me whether I had spoke to your Worship concerning said affair and having answered him in the Negative he desired I should but I told him that since there was no harm in purchasing said effects and that it was a thing of no consequence nor any damage could arise from his putting his name to said List I thought it unnecessary to trouble your Worship he was of the same opinion and signed in his own office the same day I had spoke to him of this matter between ten and eleven of the clock in the morning I thanked him for the favor and had obtained my Principal end which was to hinder my being thought the Purchaser and that upon this footing it would be easier to settle affairs and receive the money of whatever things could be sold hitherto this could not be done and I apprehend considering the steps that are taking it will be impossible for me to obtain my end tho I shall be better pleased to lose all than appear any more before the Council.

I have also heard that it was currently reported that the Augustinian Library was worth sixty thousand Dollars to this I answer & must observe that the value of things is such as without offence or fraud the things can be sold for and that the Price of things varys according to the circumstances of the times when I bought said Liberary any Spaniar at the Pampanga would set a greater value upon a good firelock than all the Books in said Library since said Books are of no use to the English and there is not a Spaniard to buy them how can be reported they are worth so much money the truth of the matter is that at that time they were not worth any thing a Proof of which is that at the outcry of Dondres Blunco's effects there was not any Person who offered the least Sum for his Books and in reality not one of them was sold so that I can assure your Worship that said report has been spread by Persons who know nothing of the matter I have at my house all the Books which were in the Augustinian Library besides my own which there was a great many off I bought the liberary of Doctor Myares that of General Romero, and that of Judge Calderon besides many other Books and I am ready to sell both them and all the other effects belonging to the Augustinian Church for thirty thousand Dollars twenty of which I will be satisfyed with and the other ten I will give up to the King and Company.

I hope sir that tho the Preliminary Articles of peace are signed upon which account I might expect a higher Price but have not been able to sell any thing your Worship will not take any Notice of Reports which have no grounds nor foundation and that upon account of the Protection promised me with the name of his Brittannick Majesty I shall not be for the future obliged to take oaths nor questions put to me which may be detrimental to me and I with greatest

Submission do declare that if any thing of the kind be required from me that I will not do it voluntarily but compelled thereto and in such case I desire a Testimony of this Protest and that I may be sent by the first opportunity to Madras as a Prisoner of War to the Honble East India Company.

MANILHA
NOVEMBER 1763.

DOCTOR SANTIAGO ORENDAIN.

Ordered to be lie on the table.

As Mr. Drake informs the Board that Mr. Orendain is willing to annull the Bargain made between Major Fell and him for the effects of the Augustin Convent the above Letter is ordered to lie on the table.

Galley & Sloop to be Surveyed and a report made of the amount their repairs will cost.

The Board being informed that the Expence of repairing the Sloop & Galley at Cavita will amount to more than their value will be even when repaired ordered that Captains Alves and Banyer be desired to survey them and to inform them how much they imagine the repairs will amount to.

Scarcity of Grain Troops to be supply'd therewith.

Embargo to be laid on a quantity in the Almazeen.

There being a great scarcity of Grain and the Commandant, representing the necessity of Serving out a Quantity daily to the troops ordered that directions for that purpose be issued to the Garrison that he also do lay an embargo on a quantity in the Almazena as also in a Boat lately arrived from the other side of the Bay and that the whole be served out at such rates as will just save the Company's Expences in beating into Rice &ca.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

NOVR. 29TH. Sent a Letter to the Deputy Governor as follows by Messrs. Parsons and Jourdan.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
GOVR. PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL & DEPUTY
GOVERNOR OF MANILHA.

Sir,

However desirous we are of avoiding every thing that may in the least tend to disturb that good Harmony which should reign among us the Common reports of the Town of which we have not had any Publick Notice having informed us that a Padre was yesterday taken up for endeavouring to seduce our People to desertion obliges us sir to remind you that in every Publick concern we have a right to expect our opinions may be asked. The Companys Authority you will know Sir is delegated to the President and Council of Fort St. George and from them to us and as in this our precarious situation an offence of this Nature a speedy and Publick Example we are to request you will be pleased to keep him closely confined until he can be brought to his Tryal before a Military Council which we think should be as soon as possible that if he be guilty of the charge exhibited against him he may meet with a punishment adequate thereto.

We are with respect
Sir
Your most Obedient & most
humble Servants

MANILHA
29TH. NOVR. 1763.

HENRY PARSONS.
FRANCIS JOURDAN.

30TH. Received by Messrs. Parsons & Jourdan the following Answer from the Deputy Governor.

— *MANILHA, NOVEMBER 1763* —

To Messrs. Henry Parsons
and Francis Jourdan.

Gentlemen,

In answer to your Letter which I received this morning I am to acquaint you that the Padre Prisoner is confined and shall continue so untill I think proper to have him Publickly examined.

A very little reflection I am Persuaded from the opinion I have of your understanding will convince you that your addressing me on such a Subject and in such a manner is interfering much out of your sphere as well as that Pointing out the Nature of the Company's Constitution to me who have had much better opportunitys of making myself acquainted with it is at least not pertinent.

If you can produce me an Instance of Mr. Pigots ever asking the opinion of his Council concerning the disposal of the Prisoners in Garrison I will give it up likewise I have been myself a member of his upwards of three years and never knew of it once.

I am as averse to disputes as you can possibly be but cannot any longer tamely Suffer my Priviledge to be invaded I will pay all due deference to your opinions in your places at the Board. The Power of calling you to it by the very Rules you quote must undoubtedly remain with me.

I will however take the first convenient opportunity to ask your advice on this Head, not because you demand it but because I think it is necessary.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant

Dawsonne Drake.

Manilha
November the 30th. 1763.

At a Consultation

Thursday Decr. 1st. 1763

Present

Dawsonne Drake Esqr. Deputy Govr. President.
Henry Parsons. William Stevenson.
Francis Jourdan.

Read the following Letters from Mr. Nodes Captn. Alves & Captn. Storne.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr.
Deputy Governor &ca. Council of Manilha.

Worshipful Sir and Sirs,

Letter from Captn. Alves advising of his Officers having left the ship.

I am sorry to acquaint you that I cannot possibly execute your Orders to me signifyed the 16th. inst. by Mr. Jourdan for after having done & given all the orders I could think of for forwarding the Service this day both my Officers who best know their reasons for so doing have told me they will no longer obey me and insist on leaving the Ship thō I have represented to them I cannot get others and last Night the Gunner deserted and is not to be heard of wherefore I beg it as a particular favor of your Worships that you would please to Order the Officers of the Londons Behaviour in the execution of the Orders given them

by me for getting the ship ready for Sea and in Consequence my reasons for troubling you with this to be enquired into by the Sea Commanders and Officers here or whoever your worships please to appoint that it may appear plain whether they or me are to blame. But as things are at present I am obliged to stay on Board to take care of the ship as I have no European on Board only the cooper so shall wait your Orders here.

Being with respect
Worshipful Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient humble Servant
WALTER ALVES.

SHIP LONDON
8 A.M., 28TH. NOVR. 1763.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

Since my last dated 8th. A.M., both the Officers have gone ashore from the London so now she is without either Mate or Gunner which hinders me from quitting the Ship to acquaint your Worships in Person.

Second Letter from Captn. Alves on the same Subject.

The Affair of the Officers going away seems by a Joint Letter sent to me on the 19th. Instant to have been some time in agitation enclosed is a true Copy when I went up to Manilha after receiving Mr. Dalrymples Letter to get ready for sea I left orders with Mr. George Nodes who then Acted as first Mate to heel and scrub the ship to take in Ballast and get every thing ready for going to Sea as soon as possible what reasons Mr. Nodes had after that I know not but without any Notice from me he said the ship was not to go and did not do things as fast as he might have done & on my arrival here in order to hurry things as fast as possible I got a Midshipman and ten of the Falmouths Men to assist in rigging the Vessel this produced the aforementioned Letter however as there were no officers to be had here I persuaded them to go on Board which they did & continued till this day when yesterday I charged Mr. Nodes with neglect or in capacity he and the others have done as I have wrote Mr. Bakewell who is at Manilha can inform your Worships of some circumstances & whether or not I found fault without Reason.

I should esteem it a favor your Worships would send me orders for my Proceedings as no Officers are to be had here being with respect

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient humble Servant
WALTER ALVES.

SHIP LONDON AT CAVITA
NOVR. 28TH. 1763.

TO CAPTAIN ALVES.

Sir,

Letter from Captn. Alves's Officers to him on the subject on their having left him.

We have made it our Business to wait on you this afternoon to desire to know if that young Fellow who comes on Board to assist us has got the charge of the vessel and whether you entertain so mean an opinion of us as to thinks us not capable of doing our Dutys on Board the Vessel as it does not seem to be any addition to our good characters if so we beg that you will discharge us as we cannot have any further Business on Board the London.

Your humble Servants
GEORGE NODES.
CHARLES ORMSTON.
SAMUEL REVELL.

—— *MANILHA, NOVEMBER 1763* ——

To the Worshipful Dawsonne Drake Esq^{R}.
Deputy Gov^{R}. &^{ca}. Council of Manilha.

Worshipful Sir & Sirs,

In my last to you as I did not mention several circumstances relating to the manner in which the Officers of the London went away I take the liberty to trouble you with this to acquaint you that before M^{r}. George Nodes went out of the ship as he told me that he would not stay longer I demanded an account from him of what Stores &^{ca}. had been received expended and still remained on Board also the number & Quantity of Artificer employed on the ship his reasons he did not tell me but he went away without giving me least account of any thing it's true I refused him any Boat belonging to the ship to go ashore in on which he wrote a Letter to his Brother at Cavita who sent me the enclosed Letter on the receipt of which I answered it as your Worships will find enclosed also & went to Dinner on Board the Muxavadad as I had no Provisions at that time on Board and told Mess^{rs}. Nodes & Ormston on their applying to me for leave to go ashore they might act as they pleased since they had refused obeying My Orders.

Before I returned on Board they had taken every thing belonging to them out of the ship in the Boat sent by M^{r}. John Nodes & other Boats only a few Plates Knives Forks &^{ca}. which in the Hurry they left and since I have never heard from them Another thing I did not acquaint your Worshipes of that on the 26th. November about 8 at Night M^{r}. Nodes & Sam^{l}. Revel the Gunner Came together to me & Desired as a favor that as the ship was going out and they in want of Necessaries that I would lend them some Money I let the 1st. have 50 Rupees and the other 25 Rupees which was very near the whole of the Wages due to them after which the Gunner run away in the Night and the Officer as I have related before.

I beg you will Excuse the trouble I am obliged to give you and am with respect.

Worshipful Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble servant

Walter Alves.

Ship London
November 30th. 1763.

To Captain Alves of the London.

Sir

Letter from Mr. Nodes to Captn. Alves.

I am sorry that any Dispute between you and my Brother should occasion him to make a resolution to put the London If you are in want of Officers certainly you ought to be cautious how you ill-treat those you have for as my Brother is not a Prisoner nor bound to you by any Articles he has undoubtedly a right to Dispose of himself as he thinks most Convenient for his Interest If therefore he should persist in his Determination I send a Boat to receive him and his Effects and am.

Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

John Nodes.

November 28th. 1763.

— *MANILHA, NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1763* —

To Mr. John Nodes.

Sir

His Answer. I received yours and am obliged to you for your Advice therein & in regard to your Brother I have no farther made him a Prisoner than telling him that if he leaves the ship it is contrary to my Consent and denying him the ships Boat to go in with Regard to ill Treatment the Provocation and it must be made Appear before those who are Judges before you Can possibly know who are right or wrong.

I am
Sir
Your Most humble Servant
Walter Stalves.

Ship London
November 28th. 1763.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr.
Deputy Governor &ca.

Letter from Mr. Nodes advising of Mr. Ger, Nodes being Prest and Carryd out of one of the Cos. Vessels on board the Falmouth. In Consequence of your Orders to send a vessel to lay off the Rivers Mouth at Manilha I appointed my Brother to take the Command of the Squirrel Schooner for that purpose and ordered him immediately to proceed hither to receive your Directions That no Difference might have arisen for want of proper attention to His Majestys ships I myself acquainted Captn. Glasford thereof and obtained his Consent not satisfyed with that which I presume is alone sufficient I ordered my Brother to address himself in the same manner to the Commanding Officer of the Falmouth which he did by writing Inspite of all these precautions I received this Morning the disagreeable News of his being pressed on Board the said ship the Particulars of which the enclosed Letter will inform you of.

I flatter myself Gentlemen I have no occasion to urge you in this Affair, I make no manner of doubt but you will take proper Notice of such unprecedented Proceedings I remain therefore with the utmost impatience for an Answer.

Gentlemen
Your most obedient and Most humble Servant
John Nodes.

December 1st. 1763.

P.S.—All I have to say concerning Captn. Alves is to Assure you that untill he can behave himself with more Decency to his officers he can never expect that any gentlemen will subject himself to the base treatment which he makes use of to them Former Instances of this kind cannot fail to condemn him and his Drunken behaviour During his residence on shore from the very first Day he came into this has been remarked by every Body He has at present no more than 30 Men remaining out of 60 which he brought to this Place and those very unlikely to remain.

Resolution in Consequence. Resolved that Captn. Riddle of the Honourable Companys ship Pocock and Captn. Bouyer of the Muxadavad be desired to enquire the Cause of the Disputes between Captn. Alves & his Officers and report the same to the Board.

—— *MANILHA, DECEMBER 1763* ——

With regard to Mr. Nodes's Letter Concerning the pressing of Mr. George Nodes as he had left the London without the leave of his Captn. he was liable to be taken by the Captns. of either of His Majestys ships and do desire Captn. Brereton to release him would therefore be inefectual.

The Governor reads the Cash Accounts for last Month as entered hereafter.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Sent a Letter by Messrs. Parsons and Jourdan to the Deputy Governor as follows. DECEMBER 1ST.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY GOVR. OF MANILHA.

Sir

We have the Honor to reply to your Letter of Yesterday and are much pleased to hear the Padre is still in Confinement for we had been informed he had been delivered over to the Archbishop which could not but surprise us as Bail is not admitted in Criminal Cases.

Without some reflection we should hardly trouble you with an address on a subject you are pleased to say is out of our Sphere we however sir cannot Conceive any Impropriety in it or in the manner of it nor can we think you have any reason to be disatisfy'd with our reminding you of the Nature of the Companys Constitution as we apprehend a Person of Application may as easily acquire a knowledge of it in three Months as in any greater length of time.

If you will give us leave sir we will remark to you in regard to the Disposal of the West Coast Prisoners that Contrary to the opinion of the President they were permitted to return to Bencoolin and we have likewise heard that Mr. Lemetree on the Coast was ordered to Europe by a Majority of the Board, at Manilha Messrs. Norriego and Solano were Examined before the Council and you must remember sir they were only acquainted by a Majority at Madras we believe Mr. Pigot had taken upon himself the removal of the French Prisoners with the consent of the Council but then sir their Consent could never make that a Law for the Companys other Settlements our Honble Masters orders are generally very explicit and they have been pleased to say that the Minority of the Board shall carry into Execution the resolution of the Majority If your Commission Sir as Deputy Govr. puts all prisoners of war entirely under you which our Orders for the Delivery up of Mr. Faillet seem not to intimate we shall pay the utmost regard thereto and in such case we persuade ourselves you will not have any objection to lay the same before us but if you have only Precedent to Quote we think whatever has passed on this occasion should be Entered on Record that our Honble Masters may see we have not been negligent in an Affair of so much importance should we have mistaken our Authority we depend on their candour to attribute it to a desire of fullfilling to the utmost of the trust reposed in us We mean not to encroach on your Priviledges but as servants of the Company we cannot give up their rights we therefore apprehend it is a Duty incumbent upon as again to Desire that he may so soon as possible be brought to an Hearing you have obliged us by informing us you intend it shall be so altho not because we Demand it but because you think it necessary on reference to our Letter you will find it a Request only not a Demand.

We are obliged also by the Compliments you pay us but we Cannot help observing that if Consultations are only to be held when the Govr. thinks proper

in fact he must be obsolute and a Council in such Case would be unnecessary which you will permit us to add very little Reflection on the Constitution of the Company will Convince you never was their Intentions.

We are with Respect
SIR,
Your Most Obedient humble servant,
——— HENRY PARSONS.
FRANS. JOURDAN.

MANILHA
1 DECEMBER 1763.

Returned the Speedwell Brig. from her Cruze among the Islands Captn. Roberts confirms the Advice of the Loss of the Cavita Galley & advises that he has brought with him the greatest part of the Crew with Mr. Budge who Commanded her—Dispatched a Letter to Mr. John Nodes Paymaster at Cavita.

To MR. JOHN NODES
PAYMASTER AT CAVITA.

SIR

Having since our last been informed that the Galley & Sloop are scarcely worth repairing you will not proceed therein untill we have the report of Captain Alves and Bouyers how much the said Repairs it is supposed will amount to.

We are surprized to find that the Sloop leaked and filled so long ago as a Month and that you have ever since been endeavoring to get her on shore we at least think you might have given a more particular Account of the situation of the vessels.

You will please to deliver out the Rice you have at Cavita to the European Troops at 1 Dollr. Per Cavan and to the Seapoys & Lascars Paddy at 3 Rls. pr. Cavan.

Many Complaints having been made against Mr. Guyon who we are informed acts as Justice Major we desire he may no longer be employed in that capacity indeed we Cannot approve of your Delegating the authority we have invested you with without express permission.

We are
SIR
Your Most Obedient servant
DAWSONNE DRAKE &CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
DECEMBER 2D. 1763.

To MR. JOHN NODES
PAYMASTER AT CAVITA.

SIR

We have received your Letter and are sorry it is not in Power to assist Mr. George Nodes indeed we highly disapprove of your having given the Command of the Squirrel to him after he had left one of the Companys ships without the Captns. leave Had he or the other Officers been ill treated on a proper

representation Justice would have been done to them therefore as they did not shew any regard to the Service on wch. they were Employed they have little right to expect favors from us notwithstanding as we are of opinion they are sorry for their past conduct if we imagined our pleading for them would have any weight with Captn. Brereton we would apply to him but after having pressed a Mate of one of the Companys vessels while on Duty we hardly think he would release those when being out of Employment rendered liable to be pressed by the Captn. of either of His Majestys ships.

A Complaint having been made against Mr. Guyon for stopping a Quantity of wax a Chinese was bringing to this Place you are to order it to be sent hither unless you have good reasons to the Contrary in which Case you will acquaint us therewith.

You some time since informed us you had procured 18 Head of Cattle which we now hear you have sold to Mr. Dodd for the use of the ships as they never found us with any we hope this Report is without foundation and desire you will send some of them hither Clean'd Rice is to be served out to the Troops if beat from the old Pinagua or Paddy at 1 Dollr. ℔ Cavan as Complaints have been made to us of their being in great want thereof.

The London is to be repaired as we before directed for which Purpose we hope the Speedwell will have purchased it as well as the oil he may have on Board.

We are

SIR

Your Most Obedient servant

DAWSONNE DRAKE &ca. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
DECEMBER 1st. 1763.

And one to Captn. Wm. Brereton Commanding having His Majestys Ships at Cavita as follows the Governor having informed the Council that Mr. Orendain had consented that the Bargain for the Effects of the Augustine Convent &cs. should be annulled and of no Effects.

To WILLIAM BRERETON ESQR.
COMMANDING HIS MAJESTYS SHIPS AT CAVITA
& AGENT FOR THE CAPTORS.

SIR

The Gover. having informed us that Mr. Orendain has Consented that the Bargain of the Effects of the Augustine Convent shall be annulled and rendered void we now send you the keys of the Convent and which you will please to order the Books and other Effects to be received he will Deliver them.

We are

SIR

Your most Obedient servant

DAWSONNE DRAKE &ca. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
3D. DECEMBER 1763.

— *MANILHA, DECEMBER 1763* —

Signed the following Proclamation

Whereas it has been Reported to us that the Chinese and others have Refused to take the Rupee at 4 Rlsr. at which rate the Honourable East India Company pay and receive Money Notice is hereby given that all Persons who shall refuse to conform here to shall be severely punished by Fine or otherwise as shall be thought most proper.

MANILHA
DECEMBER 3D. 1763.

DECEMBER 3 D. 1763

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
HENRY PARSONS. FRANCIS JOURDAN.

Read the following Letter from Captn. Alves and from Captains Riddell and Boyer.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND SIRS

Letter from Captn. Alves

This Forenoon Captains Riddell and Bouyer went on Board the Falmouth and Examined into the Affair of the Officers of the London leaving her to whose Report I refer your Worshipes for particulars this comes by Captn. Riddell I would wait on you in Person in order to clear up the Affair but having no Body to entrust the Ship to in Case of Accidents without particular Orders from your Worships esteem myself obliged to stay here and wait your further Pleasure being with respect.

WORSHIPFUL SIR & SIRS

Your Most Obedient humble servant

WALTER ALVES.

SHIP LONDON
DECEMBER 2D. 1763.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

Letter from Captns. Reddle and Bouyer concerning the Officer of the London.

Agreeable to your Requests we have Examined into the Cause of the Officers of the London leaving their ship and from their Different Depositions it appears that their leaving their ship without the Permition of the Board was owing to some unhappy Disputes in Points of Duty in Consequence of Opposite Tempers For this rash step of their they are willing to make any Concession that may be Agreable to the Board and will think themselves happy should they be restored to their Duty.

We are Sir and Sirs

Your Most Obedient humble servants

THOMAS RIDDELL.
CECIL BOWYER.

CAVITA
DECEMBER 4TH. 1763.

— *MANILHA, DECEMBER 1763* —

Mr. Dodd lays before the Board a Bill for Timber furnished the People at St. Roque agreable to Order of Consultation amounting to 200 Dollrs. which is ordered to be paid.

Bill of Mr. Dodd for Timber supplyed the People at St. Roque by order to be paid.

Mr. Lindsay Surgeon at Cavita presents 2 Bills for attending John Lawler Cooper and several of the Londons Seamen ordered that Mr. Nodes be directed to pay them off at the same rate the Company are Charged for their Troops in Garrison at Cavita.

Bills for the Surgeons attendance victualling the sick from some of the ship Londons Men and the Cō-Cooper to be paid.

Bills for Coolies and Boats Employed on the Oriam Expedition laid before the Board and ordered to be Discharged.

There being a large Quantity & Grain ready to cut about Pasig Ordered that Captain Muse be Desired to secure as much as possible for the Company.

Purport of a Letter to Captn. Muse

DAWSONNE DRAKE.
FRANCIS JOURDIN.

Messrs. Parsons & Jourdan received a Letter from the Deputy Govr. as follows. 4TH

To MESSRS. HENRY PARSONS
& FRANCIS JOURDAN.

GENTLEMEN

I have received your Letter of the 1st. Instant & will reply to it in order as it is before me.

Whether or not the Prisoner was admitted to Bail I believe signifies but little to you, as it is sufficient that he appears before you, when you are met to examine him.

I am still of of opinion, whether you reflected on it or not, that to address me on such a subject, & in such a manner was out of your sphere, as well as that your reminding me of the nature of the Companys Constitution was not proper, but as in all Probability my Arguments on that Head would prove as inefectual to convince you as yours have to convince me, I will not waste any of my time or yours in urging any.

I must observe to you that the sending subjects of great Britain who were Prisoners of War to the French Nation, to do their Duty in the Companys Service, was an Affair which cannot bear the least resemblance to that in Question at present no more than sending Mr. de Lemetrie to Europe—if you will refer to my letter you will find that I mentioned the Disposal of Prisoners in Garrison, Europe & the West Coast are very different from within the walls of Manilha, and if you can produce a standing Order of Company's which obliges any of their Governors to call a Council upon Points relating to the ecconomy of the Troops which compose his Garrison, I will allow that by your closer Application you have acquired a knowledge of their Constitution, much superior to any I am possess'd of, for really I don't remember ever to have seen it.

If you have been induced to address me on this subject from an opinion that I undervalued your Advice permit me to assure you that you are the first I should have consulted on any Points of importance even if your station did

not entitle you thereto how groundless then must your Jealously [*sic*] be, if it is founded on an opinion that I slighted that right which you derive from the same Fountain that I do my own.

When Disputes arise it is impossible they should cease without a Hearty desire in both Parties to end them since you assure me that you begun this Affair from an opinion that your silence would have betrayed the rights of the Companys Servants I sincerely believe it, & for your Justification therein do readily agree that your address with my Answer be entered I likewise consider myself concerned very largely in the Rights of the Companys service & so far as my Foresight can permit me to discern will never consent to an Infringement on them I consider myself Invested with certain Priviledges which my Employers must have thought of some consequence before they would have bestowed them & of course that the giving them up must hurt their service. I declare with the greater sinceriety that, That Motive alone, & not any Arbitrary Disposition, would induce me to omit asking your opinion upon every the most trifling Circumstance I am persuaded my Honble Masters will with great Candour attribute it to the Same cause, with your Conduct, viz^{t}. a Desire of fulfilling to my utmost, the trust reposed in me our aim being the same, why should a trifling Jealously [*sic*] about the Means, be suffered to Defeat it, or to disturb that Harmony, which should always subsist, & which at this time is absolutely necessary.

With regard to the President's Power of calling together the Members of a Council I still think it indisputable, and as it is a great trust, it is generally reposed in People who are thought incapable of abusing it had I omitted asking your Advice two or three Months, you might reasonably suspect me of a tendency that Way; but I appeal to your ownselves whether it does not reflect very much to the Discredit of those, who could invest a Person with that Power, not fit to be left to his own Discrition twenty four Hours.

Upon reference to your first Letter I find it is a request but I believe upon your reference to it likewise, you will find, it savours strongly of a Demand.

I am with much Esteem

Gentlemen

Your most obedient Serv^{t}.

DAWSONNE DRAKE &^{CA}. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
DECEMBER 4TH. 1763.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL &
DEPUTY GOV^{R}. OF MANILHA.

SIR

We have received your Letter and with pleasure put an end to Arguments wherein we seem to have the same end in view, but, we cannot dismiss the subject without observing that when we quoted Precedents concerning the Disposal of the West Coast Prisoners, Mons^{r}. Lemetie; the order for the Delivery up of M^{r}. Faillet Mess^{rs}. Norriges, & Solanos Tryals, We did not mean to allude to them as similar to Padre Estavance's Case but as Confirmation of the general Position we laid down, that the Minority of the Board, shall carry, into execution the resolution of the Majority This appears indeed in the Establishments of the Honble Companys by the appointment of a Court of Directors, for the managements of their Affairs here, when any thing is debated, it is

carried by a Majority of voices their General Instructions to the Presidency & our Directions from thence are to the same effect but harmony as you justly observe, Sir, is at all times necessary, & you may rest assured, that nothing will give us greater pleasure than Discharging our Duty to the Publick to the mutual satisfaction of each other, and the approbation of our superiors we will admit that the ecconomy of the Troops is more immediately under the Govr. than the Council, but we cannot conclude without adding, that we apprehend this has not any Connection with the Disposal of Prisoners, were in Garrison, & that we imagine when the Troops obey their Commands it is on a supposition that they are conformable to the resolutions of their Councils.

We are with respect & Esteem,

Sir

Your most obdt. servts.

HENRY PARSONS.
FRANCIS JOURDAN.

MANILHA
5TH. DECEMBER 1763.

Received the following Letter from Captn. Alves & Bouyer as follows.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN

Agreeable to your requests we have surveyed the Honble Companys Galley, & are of opinion that to repair her for sea will cost 10,000 Dollrs. we have not yet surveyed the sloop she not laying in proper Position which we have signified to Mr. Nodes, but as soon as they have brought her on shore we will survey her also, & send you our opinion accordingly.

We are Sir & Sirs,

Your most obedient & Humble Servants

WALTER ALVES.
CECIL BOUYER.

CAVITA
4TH. DECEMBER 1763.

Received the following Letter from the Committee for enquiring into the Grievances the Chinese may labour under.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

GENTLEMEN

We have received a Petition from Ongquiqua a Chinese in regard to some wheat lately taken for the Publick service & lodged in the Magazine he represents that this wheat cost 8–2–6 ℔ Pecol for which the Conegidore by whom it was seized will only allow them 3–4– Pr. Pecol In our opinion it is but reasonable than the Man should have the Price he alledges it cost him, or the Permission of disposing it to the best advantage.

We have also received a Complaint from Cavita against a Spaniard, who we are informed is employed in the service of Mr. Nodes. They alledge that

they are compelled to receive false Money & half ryals for whole & that he is guilty of many other abuses for which they request he may be called away from Cavita.

We have Received a Petition also from the trustee of the Chinese Hospital Representing that having only received a Portion of the Annual stipend it is impossible to support that charity without the Ballance being paid and as this was the original motive for a taxation on the Chinese, We conceive it is reasonable that the produce of that Tax, be applied to this purpose in preference to all others.

We have also a Petition from the Chinese of the Parian of the great hardship they endure from being obliged to take bad Barrellas in Exchange as they have no means of Converting them into silver and cannot pass them into the Country we Explained to them the intension of issuing them a Copper Currency by the Company with which they Express'd great satisfaction and as the Inconvenience Appears the Chief Source of the present scarcity be beg leave to recommend that the Copper Money may be issued as soon as possible since by the Prohibition of Barrellow in the Provinces every shop accumalates daily, 4 or 5 Dollrs. of them which is in a manner a dead Loss to the shopkeeper.

They also Complain that the Seapoys are guilty of incessant abuses forcing into the Shops putting every thing into Confusion paying some times half price some times nothing and if they make any opposition giving abusive Language, and even Blows, This appears to us an abuse which requires the most immediate and Effectual Redress, and we beg leave to recommend that a General Prohibition may be given to all the Seapoys &ca. against striking, or giving abusive Language to the Inhabitants, and that severe Examples may be made of the first Delinquents.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Most obt. humble servant

ALEXANDER DALRYMPLE.
HENRY PARSONS.
FRANCIS JOURDAN.

MANILHA,
DECEMBER 5TH. 1763.

Messrs. Parsons and Jourdan received the following Letter from Mr. Drake.

To MESSRS. HENRY PARSONS & FRANCIS JOURDAN.

GENTLEMEN

In answer to Yours of the 5th. Instant which you tell me was only to quote some Precedents in Confirmation of the General Position you laid down that the Minority of the Board shall Carry into Execution the Resolution of the Majority I shall endeavour to point out to you some inconsistencies in that General Position not in vindication of my own Authority but with a view of undeceiving you in an Affair which you seem to have entirely mistaken.

I believe you will hardly deny that the Governor or President in all the Company's Settlements has the executive Power or the Carrying into execution the resolution of the Board, whether he is of the Majority, or Minority, whereas by your General Position he must give up that Power or be always of the Minority.

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You will likewise find in the Company's Charter, some cases Directed to be carried by a Majority, where it is Expressly mentioned that the President must be one, I will leave yourselves to draw the conclusion.

And were that General Position of your's to stand good, a Council might by a majority turn the President out of the chair, a step I persuade myself, even you, don't think you have a right to take.

The Troops are obliged to obey me by virtue of my Commission and they have no right to inquire, whether my Orders be Conformable, to the Resolution of my Council, or not.

These few circumstances I have Mentioned not with a view of entirely over throwing your General Position, but of convincing you, how Difficult it is to fix the Limits of your Priveledges, or mine, and of its being for the good of the Service, and of Course to the satisfaction of our superiors, that we should avoid as much as Possible, stretching either of them to the utmost extremities, whereof the Consequences have been severely felt, by Constitutions better Digested into method, than ours can pretend to be.

I am with Esteem
Gentlemen
Your Most Obdt. servant
DAWSONNE DRAKE.

MANILHA
DECR. 9TH. 1763.

To MR. JOHN NODES
PAYMASTER AT CAVITA.

SIR

Having been informed that the repairing the Galley will greatly exceed her real value when finished you are to endeavor to find a Person who will undertake to fit her ready for sea for 1,000 DollRS. and if no such Person can be found, you must enquire how much you can procure for her, as she now stands, and report the same to us.

We have been acquainted that the Troops are greatly Distressed for Provisions at Cavita, and have already directed you to issue grain to them if beat into Rice, at 1 DollR. PR. Cavan, if Paddy at 4 Rls. should you not have any store by you, you are to advise us immediately thereof.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient servant
DAWSONNE DRAKE &CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
8TH. DECR. 1763.

—— *MANILHA, DECEMBER 1763* ——

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH. 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.
FRANCIS JOURDAN.

Mr. Stevenson Paymaster lays before the Board Impress and Disbursements for the Speedwell Brig. for Octr. and Novr. amounting to 330 Dollars, & for Sundry Disbursements for the Cumberland 49–4–6 D., which is Ordered to be discharged.

Mr. Kennedy presents a Bill for victualling the Spanish Prisoners, and sundry other accounts, amounting to 1077–6–2 Ordered that it be paid.

Mr. Stevenson, Marine Paymaster, Requesting an Advance of 1,200 Dollrs. for the Charges of his Employ, Ordered that it be comply'd with.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

DECEMBER 10TH. Sent the following Letter to Mr. John Nodes at Cavita.

To MR. JOHN NODES.

Sir

Much Business has prevented us hitherto from taking into consideration your Letters of the first, and—Instant, however as on perusal of them that of the 4th. is found to Contain personal Invectives, and Reflections, as well as many unbecoming Insinuations, which we cannot comprehend to whom they allude, and are besides addressed to us in very improper, nay indecent Language, we must return them to you, that you may amend all such Parts as cannot but be obvious to you, are unfit for Publick Letters and we must at the same time recommend to you, to be careful how you write to us in such a manner in future, or the measures you may oblige us to take by so doing, may not be agreable to you.

We are
Sir
Your Most humble Servant
DAWSONNE DRAKE &CA. COUNCIL.

MANILHA
10TH. DECR. 1763.

9TH: Received a Letter from Mr. Alexr. Dalrymple as follows.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

Gentlemen,

As I presume the London will be shortly fit for Sea, I imagine my continuance here will not be long. I beg leave therefore to represent to you, that the time Necessary for one to continue in the Xolo Districts, will afford an opportunity in making a minute Examination of great part of them, and as this would be of the utmost Consequence not only for the shipping, but as the only means of forming an Estimation of the advantages attending their situation,

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I must request the favor of the 2 small Schooners which are Extremely well adopted for this Purpose, and am to inform you, that the Sultan will account for these or any other vessels, when the Company have no further occasion for them.

As some of the Chinese are desirous of setleing at Xolo, and others inclined to go with me, I think it my Duty to Represent, that in my opinion, it will be of very Considerable Benefit to the Company, not only from the assistance they will now afford, but hereafter should an Establishment be Resolved on in that Quarter, and if there is no Establishment made they may be removed from thence with more facility to Bencoolen than from Manilha.

It is necessary for me to acquaint you of the Impossibility of my undertaking to weigh and measure the cargo to be Received at Xolo, that you may appoint some of the Company's Servants for that purpose, if you think proper.

As it is absolutely necessary to be always in a State of Defence in these Eastern Countries, I cannot doubt you will order a proper Number of Men abroad for that end, particularly since it was thought proper at Madras, to put a Detachment of 20 seapoys in the London, when it was intended that she should not make any stay, but only deliver a Letter at Xolo, approved to Manilha.

When last at Xolo I advanced 152 Dollrs. for the Company, I shall be much obliged to you if you will order the sum to be paid me.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servant
ALEXR. DALRYMPLE.

MANILHA
9TH. DECR. 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

DECEMBER 15TH.

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.
FRANCIS JOURDAN.

Read the following Letter from Cornet Mackay.

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

Gentlemen

Letter from Mr. Cornet Mackay recommending the Jamedar of the Troop for a Subadar.

The Jemadar of the Troop having Represented to me that the number of seapoys of which it consists, being equal to a Company he thinks it but reasonable, he should be appointed a Subadar, and the Difference of the Pay of a Jemadar and a Subadar, being very inconsiderable, I did not chuse to take upon myself the appointing him, but beg Leave to submit it to your Consideration.

However as I am sensible nothing is more pleasing to you than the Discovering I beg leave to add that he bears an exceeding good Character having been patronized on the Coast, and brought hither with a view of serving him by Major More; at the taking of this Place, General Draper made him a Present

of 200 Rupees, to Confirm this, and the rest of his Character, he has brought several Officers who knew him here, and on the Coast particularly Lt. Davis of the Royal Artillery.

I am with perfect Respect
Gentlemen
Your most obdt. Servant
HECTOR MACKAY *Cornet.*

MANILHA
10TH. DECEMBER 1763.

Ordered that it do lie on the Table untill the Receit of advices from Madras.

Orders to be sent to Mr. Corregidore Kennedy to endeavour to procure as much Grain as possible.

As the proper season for Collecting Grain approaches the Board are of opinion that Mr. Corregidore Kennedy should send orders to and use his utmost endeavours with the Captns. of the adjacent villages, to supply the Company with as large a Quantity as possible.

Read a Letter from Mr. James Kennedy as follows.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

Gentlemen

Letter from Mr. Kennedy requesting the Payment of a Boat lost in the service.

I beg leave to put you in mind that sometime ago, the 14 Oar'd Boat, belonging to me was lost in the service. It was in good order and Condition, with all its Tackle the Boat Cost 173 Dollrs., I only Charge 120, which I hope your Honors will order me to be paid.

I am
Gentlemen
Your Most obedient humble Servant
JAMES KENNEDY.

PARIAN
DECEMBER 13TH. 1763.

Reasons which induce the Board not to Comply with his request

The Company having always paid him Freight for the use of his Boat the Risque was on his Account; Ordered therefore that the Secretary acquaint him that for the said Reason they cannot make him any Allowance for his Boat.

such part of the Garrison Provisions as are spoiling to be sold off.

The Garrison Storekeeper acquaints the Board that the Salt Fish and Beef is spoiling. Resolved therefore that the part so decaying be sold off.

Paymaster's Bills read.

The Paymasters Accounts for the Garrison of Manilha Road.

Remarks thereon.

The Board Observe that Mr. Kennedy has always been paid the Ballance of his Accounts instead of the amount of the said Charges, whereby the Accounts of Rents received in the Parian does not appear.

Ordered that in future he pay the amount of such Rents to this Cash keeper.

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Ordered also that the past Accounts be reperused by the Committee of Accounts that they may be rectified.

Mr. Mackay Representing to the Board that there are 7 of the Cavalry at Pasig, who have not been allowed the same gratuity as those here, Ordered that Directions for that be issued to the Paymaster.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

Messrs. Parsons and Jourdan send the following to the Deputy Governor.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY OF MANILHA.

Sir

We have received your Letter, but as to reply particularly thereto would be to enter into a Fresh Altercation, we shall refer the whole to our Superiors who will Determine which are in the Right.

We are with respect

Sir

Your most Obedient and humble servants

HENRY PARSONS.
FRANCIS JOURDAN.

MANILHA
DECR. 16TH. 1763.

AT A CONSULTATION

DECR. 22D. 1763.

Present

DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. PRESIDENT.
HENRY PARSONS. WILLIAM STEVENSON.
FRANCIS JOURDAN.

Received the following Letter from Mr. Alexander Dalrymple which with a former entered in Diary of last Consultation, are now read.

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF MANILHA.

Gentlemen

I have received certain Information that the large Junk which sailed from hence a few Days ago, is gone to Xolo as it is impossible to prevent the Inconveniencies which will attend this, but by sending a vessel immediately with the Sultans Prohibition of carrying on a Commerce there, till the Companys Debt be discharged, I must beg leave to Recommend that one of the small Galleys, be forthwith Dispatch'd, thither, for this Purpose. Letter from Mr. Dalrymple.

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servant

ALEXR. DALRYMPLE.

MANILHA
DECEMBER 22D. 1763.

— *MANILHA, DECEMBER 1763* —

Resolutions in Consequence the Speedwell to be spared to Mr. Dalrymple.

Agreed in Consequence to spare Mr. Dalrymple the Squirrel Galleys Agreed also if the Chinese are willing, that 100 have permission to proceed.

As no Companys Servant can be spared, the Board are of opinion Mr. Dalrymple had better engage a few of the Chinese who by being acquainted with the Qualities of the Goods to be Received will be the most proper Persons to receive them.

The Admiral Pocock to be Dispatched to Pangasinan.

Advices having been received that the Pangasinans have revolted from Senr. Andru's Government, Resolved that the Admiral Pocock be sent thither to endeavour to purchase Provisions and to assure the People of the Protection of the English.

Falmouth Schooner to accompany her.

Resolved also that the Falmouth Schooner do proceed under the Direction of Captn. Riddle, that he may by her send us Information of the state of the Country, and how the Natives of that part of the Island stand affected.

Report of the Committee appod. for the removal of the Chinese.

The Committee appointed for the Removal of the Chinese to the West Coast report to the Board that ever since their Appointment they have by promises of the greatest Encouragement been endeavoring to prevail on a number to promise to proceed thither but however eager the Chinese were at first having since been informed that the English will probably remain here another year. their eagerness had subsided, and altho they had frequently promised to bring in a List of such as would go, they have to this time Defered so doing wherefore the Committee with much concern acquaint the Board, that unless very considerable offers are made, they apprehend very few will leave Manilha they likewise beg leave to add that they imagine another reason for their not consenting to go, is that they have Expectations of reconciling themselves, to the Spaniards.

As it is of great consequence to the Company Agreed that the Captn. of the Chinese be sent for, that Measures may be devised to induce them to remove to Bencoolin.

Read the following Letter from the Chinese Committee.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr.
Deputy Governor &ca. Council of Manilha.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter and to reply to it we are to observe that as the Chinese have had his Majesty's Assurance of an Exemption from all Taxes. We do not conceive the Example of the Spanish Government can be quoted with Propriety in a Brittish one, our Constitution affords security to the Persons & Fortunes of all its subjects, without Compensation to Government. The Lapuatz therefor ought not we imagine to be Considered as a Publick Tax, but as a private Fund, levied by the Chinese themselves for the Benefit of that part of the Community, and as they have appointed the Corregidore of the Parian to be their Treasurer, If he does not apply the Fund to the uses intended, It becomes an Object of the Governments' Attention, to such End was our Representation; as the Trustee for the Hospital Represents that he has not Received the sum allotted by the Chinese, who have the Disposal of this Fund, and who are undoubtedly the best Judges what sum is necessary for it's support.

If you think proper to have an Examination of the Accts. of the Lapuatz laid before you, we doubt not on Application to the heads of the Chinese, who have the Disposal of that Fund, or to the Corregidore who is their Treasurer,

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it may be had, but as we apprehend from the strictest Enquiry we have made, that the nature of the Lapuatz under the Spanish Government is misunderstood, we beg leave to endeavour Explaining this circumstance.

The Lapuatz is a Capitation Tax of 6 Reals & 3 Barrillas, half yearly. paid by every Chinese. The 6 Rls. is a Fund to support the Hospital, and 3 Barrillas to the Writer, as a Fee, for the Note given on receiving it. The sum for the maintenance of the Hospital, is Determined by Circumstances, & is from, 1,000 to 2,000 Dollrs. a year, paid half yearly. In this as in many other Publick Funds raised for the Benefit of the community, part is appropriated to private Interest, and such we conceive a Gratuity paid to the Corregidore of 1,000 Dollrs. Per Annum, for his Protection Besides 700 Dollrs. as Treasurer for the Case of Collecting the Tax. How for such Taxes are in themselves consistent with the Freedom of the British Constitution, we presume not to Determine, but the Intention of it was undoubtedly good, and as it sometimes happen'd, that after paying the sum requisite for the support of the Hospital and those given to the Corregidore, there was a Ballance Remaining, This continued in the Hands of the Treasurer and was disbursed for the repairs of Publick Works as the Bridge &ca. and in other Publick Expences by order of the Chinese who had the Disposal of it.

There was also another Tax applied to the use of the Governor during the Spanish Government of Reals 4–3 Quartillas every Quarter paid by each Chinese which amounts to Dollrs. 2–3 Per Annum which were almost double the Lapuatz and this we imagine has been confounded with it.

The accompanying Accounts were received from a Chinese named Joseph with a Paper setting forth that he had been employed by Mr. Thompson in fitting up the Play House, but on application to him for the Money due on that Account he was grosly abused and refused Payment.

We are with Esteem

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servants

ALEXANDER DALRYMPLE.
HENRY PARSONS.
FRANS. JOURDAN.

MANILHA
13TH. DECR. 1763.

Ordered that the Complaint against Mr. Thompson be referred to Captain Backhouse.

DAWSONNE DRAKE

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